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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

PRINCE LOUIS LUCIEN BONAPARTE, several of whose translations of the Song of Solomon into the dialects of English we have already brought under the notice of our readers, continues his labours in the same direction. The latest we have met with are:

1. "The Song of Solomon in the West Riding of Yorkshire Dialect. From the authorised English Version, by Charles Rogers;" of which the following is a specimen: "1. T' Song a' songs, which iz Solomon's.

2. Let him kuss ma wi't' kusses on hiz matht: for thy large is better then wine.

3. Becos a't' sayour a' thy good ointments luve is better then wine. 3. Becos a' t' savour a' thy good ointments thy name iz az ointment pahr'd foorth, theerfor do t' virgans luve tha. 4. Draw ma, we'll run after tha: t' King hez browt ma inta hiz chambers: we'll be glad an' rejoice i' tha, we'll remember thy luve moore then wine: t' upreight luve tha." 2. "The Song of Solomon in the North Yorkshire Dialect, from the authorised English Version. in the North Yorkshire Dialect. from the authorised English Version. By the author of 'A Glossary of Yorkshire Words and Phrases collected in Whitby and the neighbourhood.'" Of this we give the following specimen: "1. T' Sang o' sangs, an' that's Solomons. 2. Let him kiss me wi' t' kisses of his mooth, for thah luv is betther an wawhn. 3. Because of the saynt of thy good nointments thah neeam is as ointment haled out; and sae do the vorgens luv thee. 4. Tice me, we will cow efter thee; the king's browt me intiv his chaimers; we will be blythe and gleesome in thee; we'll mind thah luv mair than wawhn; the reet-hearted luv thee." 3. "The Song of Solomon in the Newcastle Dialect. From the authorised English Version. By Joseph Phillip Robson." Of this the following is a specimen: "1. The sang iv a' sangs, that's Solomon's. Let him kiss us wi' the Joseph Philip Robson." Of this the following is a specimen: "1. The sang iv a' sangs, that's Solomon's. Let him kiss us wi' the kisses iv his mooth: for thaw luve's bettor nor wine. 3. Becas' o' the smell o' thaw fine ointmints, thaw neym's like ointmint teem' oot, an' se the maidins luves the'. 4. Tice us, an' we'll 'run eftor the'; the king's browt us intiv his chaimbers: we'll be glad an' verra pleased wi' the', we'll think on thaw luve mair nor wine: the canny folk iz fond o' the." 4. "The Song of Solomon in the Sheffield dialect, from the authorised English Version. By Appr. Bywarps." The following is a speci-English Version. By ABEL BYWATER." The following is a specimen:—"1. T' Song a songs, which is Solomon's: Let him kuss ma wit kusses on his mahth: for thah luv's better then woine. 3. Bewit kusses on his matht: for than luv's better then woine. 3. Becos at savvor a' than good ointments, than name's as ointment pawerd forth, therefooar dust virgins luv the. 4. Draw me, weel run after the: t' king's browt ma into his chambers: weel be glad an rejoice in the, weel remember than luv mooar then woine: t' uproight luv the." 5. "The Song of Solomon in the Northumberland Dialect, from the authorised English Version. By Joseph Philip Robson." The following is a specimen:—"1. The sang abeun a' sangs is Solomon's. 2. Led 'im kiss us wi' the kisses iv his mooth: for thaw luve's far pieer nor wine: 3. 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Let m kiss us wi the kisses iv his mooth: for thaw live's far nicer nor wine: 3. It's a' be the fine smell o' thaw oils, it thaw neam's like oil teem'd oot, an' for this the lasses luves the'. 4. Play wiv us, an' we'll run eftor the: the king's fetcht us intiv his bed-rums: we'll be murry an' dote upon the'; we'll consithur thaw luve mair nicer nor wine." 6, "The Song of Solomon in Lowland Scotch. From the wine." 6. "The Song of Solomon in Lowland Scotch. From the authorised English Version. By Joseph Phillip Robbon." The following is a specimen: "1. The sang o' a' sangs is Solomon's. 2. Let him wi' his kisses prie my mou'; for thy love's aboon a' wine. 3. By reason o' the smell o' thy sweet aintmints, thy name is like til aintmint teemet oot, an' sae a' the lasses loe thee. Pu' me, we wull a' rin efter thee: the king his brung me intil his cham'ers: we'll a' be highly an 'agastic wi' thee; we'll sind o' thy love main rap wine the blythe an' cantie wi' thee; we'll mind o' thy love mair nor wine: the leal an' cannie lo'e thee." 7. "The Song of Solomon in the Norfolk Dialect, from the authorised English Version. By the Rev. Edward Gillett." The following is a specimen: "1. The song o' songs, as is Sorlomun's. 2. Lerr im kiss me wi' the bisses of his good by the first of the song o' songs, as is Sorlomun's. kisses of his mouth; for yar love is better an' wine. 3. Becaze o' kisses of his mouth; for yar love is better an' wine. 3. Becaze o' the smell o' yar good intements, yar name is as intements pored out, therefoor da the mawthers love ye. 4. Dror me, we'll run arter ye': the king he ha' browt me into his charmbers: we'll be glad and rejice in ye'; we'll remahmber yar love more 'an wine: the right-up love ye." 8. "The Song of Solomon in the Dialect of Sussex. From the authorised English Version. By Mark Anthory Lower." The following is a specimen: "1. De song of songs, dat is Solomon's. 2. Let him kiss me wud de kisses of his mouth; for yer love is better dan wine. 3. Cause of de smell of yer good intments, yer naum is lik intment tipped out; derefore de maidens love ye. 4. Drah me; we wull run ahter ye: de king has brung me into his chambers: we we wull run ahter ye; de king has brung me into his chambers: we wull run ahter ye; de king has brung me into his chambers: we wull be glad and be jobal in ye; we wull remember yer love more dan wine: de upright love ye." Leaving each reader to judge for himself which of these elegant prose versions is most entitled to the palm, we conclude with one done into verse, viz. 9. "The Song of Solomon versified from the English translation of James of England into the Dialect of the Colliers of Northumberland, but principally those dwelling on the Banks of the Tyne. By J. P. Rosson." The following is a specimen: lowing is a specimen:

The sang iv a' the tother sangs King Solomon's is best. Let him wi' kisses squeeze maw gob, His luve's like wine new prest. The smell iv his fine sarve is nice; His neym's like oil teem'd oot; O a' wor lasses foller thee, They like thee well, ne doot.

'Tice us, an' we'll run efter thee;
The King is full o' spree;
He browt me tiv his sleepin'-pleyce,
Where beds wes meyd for me.
We'll a' be fond to play wt' thee,
Thaw have we think se fine;
The jenick likes thee, for thaw luve
Teystes better far nor wine.

Aw's black, but bonny, Salem lasses, Like the Kedar-shows; Or like the cortins, where wor king Lies under for a doze. Noo, divent glower at me se, Becas aw's black as seut; Becas the sun maw skin hes tann'd, Maw mother's bairns cries, "Slut!"

There is a freedom about this versified translation that must astonish, if it does not delight, every one. As the translator proceeds, however, he warms with his subject, until his rhymes grow quite equal to a street-ballad, as in the following:

Aw's the reed rose on Sharon that blaws; Aw's a lily as white as the snaws; Aw's the lily 'mang thorns, Tiv maw true-luve aw turns; For te like him aw've elways hed cawse. As the apple-tree's best in maw seet; Se ne marrow maw luver can beat; Aw sat doon on the grund Where his shador was fund, An' aw teysted his apples se sweet!"

But enough of this. Seriously, we think that Prince Louis Lucien is now riding his hobby rather too fast. The prose versions are bad enough, but the doggrel is absolutely not to be endured.

enough, but the doggrel is absolutely not to be endured.

A curious story, smacking rather of the romance of the Middle Ages than of the plain prosaic work of modern days, has been (what is called) "going the rounds" of the papers. A stern English Paladin, voyaging in his yacht in the Mediterranean, is supposed to have discovered his captain philandering at the feet of his lovely daughter. Inexorable father catches up the base seducer, and, with Herculean force, hurls him overboard. This at least is the story, as narrated, with minute circumstance, by the London correspondent of the Manchester Guardian: chester Guardian:

chester Guardian:

The Marquis of D—'s yacht, now at Naples, has been the scene of one of those tragedies of real life which we are apt to think, in these dead-level days, lie far away from the region of real life, in the domain exclusively appropriated by the dramatist and the tale-writer. The Marquis had been for some time cruising with some members of his family, including a youthful daughter, Lady Alice —. The yacht was commanded by a half-pay Lieutenant of the Royal Navy. The Marquis coming on board unexpectedly, from an excursion on shore, if I am rightly informed, found his captain at the feet of his daughter, kissing her hand. The indignant father—a man of Herculean strength—seized the offender, and, let it be hoped, intending only to tear him away from his unseemly place and action, flung him over the bulwark of the yacht into the sea, when he went down at one; in spite—add some of the versions of the story—both of the Marquis's and his sailors' efforts to save him. I would hesitate to repeat a story so like the invention of a French romance-writer, had I not such information, from persons just returned from Naples, as leaves me satisfied of its substantial truth. It is, as I have said, already generally current, and cannot fail to be in a very short time the subject of newspaper comment, and, I fear, of solemn legal procedure. fear, of solemn legal procedure.

What a pity that this highly melodramatic story should not be true! To contradict it, the words of more than one English nobleman and several diplomatists have been pledged, and the *Times* takes upon itself to explain the *imbroglio* by attributing it to a misunderstanding of the well-known English idiom "thrown overboard." The most probable explanation that suggests itself to us is, that the corresponding the Manhater County or otherwise known as a "prolific" most probable explanation that suggests itself to us is, that the correspondent of the Manchester Guardian, otherwise known as a "prolific" dramatist, has been engaged (more suo) in translating some exciting French romance, and has accidentally mixed up his dramatic work with his "copy" for Manchester.

The latest news from China sweeps away the last cloud of doubt about the fate of the missing English prisoners. For the first time in

The latest news from China sweeps away the last cloud of doubt about the fate of the missing English prisoners. For the first time in the history of journalism a correspondent of a daily paper has accepted the crown of martyrdom. Considering the part which the Times has played in embroiling this country in a war which it now so fervently deprecates, one might almost be disposed to believe that Mr. Bowley had been made the scapegoat for the sins of his journal, were it not for the significant fact that Consul Parkes—the mischief-maker parexcellence—has been allowed to go scot-free. It is satisfactory to mother than the considerable deodand has been levied upon the Chinese for the benefit of the families of the slain, and that the widows and children will not be left unprovided for. In Captain Brabazos the British army has sustained a severe loss. He was selected for the post of deputy-assistant-quartermaster-general on account of his special accomplishments, and had already won literary spurs by his little volume on "Soldiers and their Science," which he published shortly before his departure for China.

The report issued this year by the Directors of the Crystal Palace

The report issued this year by the Directors of the Crystal Palace Company is a most satisfactory one, and ought to convince all those who are sceptical about the prosperity of that establishment of the fallacy of the doubts. To those who have purchased at the present market-price of shares the dividend is a good one, and the increasing returns give good earnest of an improving balance-sheet. With regard to the new arrangements with Mr. Strange, we can only say that it is of little importance how the company levies its rent upon the contractor. The great expense incurred upon the new diningrooms in the tower recently opened required an increased rent; and as Mr. Strange has now got the entire sale of all the refreshments in the Palace, he cannot have much to complain of his rental. Our only The report issued this year by the Directors of the Crystal Palace

fear is that the public, badly served this year, will have worse to complain of next. The profits of the contractor must be enormous, and while the company are careful to extract a fair rental for themselves, they ought to be equally anxious to see the public fairly treated.

People in authority seem to have run a-muck against beards and moustaches lately, from about the same motives as a Malay. A General at Aldershot has issued a solemn ukase as to the chins of his officers. Commissioner Harvey has decided against the moustaches of his force; as also has the Bank of England against the bearded chins of their employe's. General Pennerather and Mr. Commissioner Harvey are not Solomons, even if their warmest admirers be judges; but we feel no pleasure in writing down as an ass the lately-appointed Bishop of Rochester. This prelate, whose Greek, Latin, and divinity are not very strong, has considered it proper to fulminate, possibly by way of atonement, against beards and cricket. Latimer and Ridley were burned with beards; and that a beard is not a scandal not a few of the leading ecclesiastics in London bear testimony by means of their chins. We regret that the prelate whose title we have just mentioned has added himself to the geneioclasts in question, although there is much more reason for clippping the beard of a policeman than that of a curate.

THE ITALIAN THEATRE.

THE ABLE WORK on the Italian Theatre by Emiliani Giudici leaves its subject on the threshold of the period when the Middle Ages begin to merge into the modern, the ancient Mysteries and Moralities gradually to give place to the profane and more splendidly produced drama, and the historic or melodramatic stage, according to modern principles, to become first the entertainments of courts, finally that of the public in general, with a degree of pomp and in-genious mechanism compared to which the English theatre that Shakespeare then lived to tread must have seemed barbaric and in-Shakespeare then lived to tread must have seemed barbaric and infantile. Yet still did the sacred keep its place beside the profane, conformably to the religious spirit of the people and temper of the Church in Italy. The "Resurrection" was produced as a spectacle (perhaps not strictly dramatic) by the Franciscan Friars, in 1475, before about 80,000 spectators; and in 1571 the performance of "Saul" extended over four days, with 600 persons, though by far the greater part mutes, on the stage; whilst at Rome, early as the time of Sixtus IV. (1471-84), the comedies of Terence and Plautus were acted under direction of Pomponia Leta to court audiences and acted under direction of Pomponio Leto to court audiences, and the obscene "Calandra" of Bibbrina entertained Leo X., who summoned annually, for theatricals at the Vatican, the Academicians dei Razzi, a company formed, that century, at Siena, expressly with a view to dramatic performances, and soon noted for the magnificence of their mise en scène. By the time of the Medici Popes the national of their mise en scene. By the time of the Medici Popes the national theatre had developed into the system and constructive forms of the present day; and items of cost still extant give some idea of the munificence lavished upon it. A single performance of the "Sofonisba" of Trissino, ordered by the Cardinal d'Este, consumed 10,000 ducats; and expressly for the producing of the "Antigone," by Dalmonte, Palladio received commission from one of the "societies of representation," originating in the fifteenth century at Venice, for a theatre constructed in wood, in the atrium of a monastery at Vicenza. a theatre constructed in wood, in the atrium of a monastery at Vicenza, the twelve scenes required in which for this single performance were painted by F. Zuccaro. But especially on the lyric stage were the appliances of pomp and combinations of ingenuity notable, so that, even in the infancy of both (as till the present day), the opera threw even in the infancy of both (as till the present day), the opera threw into shade the national drama of Italy. First among performances strictly of the character now understood in the term *operatic* was the "Orbecche," by Giraldi Cinthio, represented in the author's house at Ferrara, before the Duke Ercole d'Este II., with music by Alfonso di Viola, in 1541; and the "Sagrificio" of Beccari, the "Aretusa" of Lollio, were harmonised by the same composer, the first celebrated for, and probably the first to imagine, the union of song with declamation. The "Orfeo" of Poliziano was performed with the greatest. mation. The "Orfeo" of Poliziano was performed with the greatest attainable variety of instrumental accompaniments—harps, clarions, violins, viols, contrabassi, sackbuts, flutes, pipes, organs, with adaptation of each to the character, grave or tender, terrible or pathetic, of the personages and passages in its libretto. As to morals, the transition was indeed boldly and rapidly effected from the religious to the licentious; and if in tragedy was maintained a measured and solemn decorum, in comedy one need only glance at such scenes as came from the pen of Machiavelli to behold the defiance of decency, the cynical disregard of virtuous reserves, not much more considered by Fironzuolo, though a friar, than by the author of the "Principe." Descending the stream of years, we find an activity quite astonishing in this province of Italian letters; but scarce any equal sustaining of power to secure the foundations of a permanent drama, the authoritative expression of the national life. And hence the rarity at the present day of these plays long since hands the stream the stream of which expression of the national life. And hence the rarity at the present day of these plays, long since banished from the stage, no collection of which, even in fragmentary beauties, has effected for the early Italians the service rendered by Charles Lamb to the early English drama; and the editions easily to be found of this southern Theatre, for the most part, comprise only pieces of more modern origin. About four thousand tragedies and comedies, all belonging to the same century, were comprised in the library bequeathed, 1750, to the Dominicans at Venice, by Apostolo Zeno, who preceded Metastasio in giving dignity and poetic finish to the lyric theatre, but whose once popular melodramas poetic finish to the lyric theatre, but whose once popular melodramas

(some on Biblical subjects, "Daniel," "Ezechia," "Joseph," "Sisera") are now scarce remembered even by name; a fate shared alike by those of Carlo Gozzi, whom Baretti had the ludicrous hardihood to extol as "the most wonderful genius manifested in any age or country since Shakespeare!" But this is not the place to follow out the phases of the Italian theatre in past centuries; till the end of the seventeenth they may be examined in the pages of Tiraboschi; and for the eighteenth century we may refer to the same Baretti's entertaining picture of life in this country, "Gli Italiani," originally written by him in English, and afterwards in his own language, or with still more confidence to the letters and essays of Gasparo Gozzi, interspersed with full and lively details respecting the theatricals of his time in northern Italy, particularly Venice; while, for the modes and exhibitions of the public stage in all chief cities, may be consulted Lalande's anonymous "Voyages d'un François en Italie" (1765, 6), where we have curious reminiscences of the eight theatres then in activity at Rome—as the ticket-receiver at the entrances, always masked, in order to observe and interfere with any disputes about places, protected by this incognito from private resentments—striking comments on the local morals of the day; and the general practice at the Opera, if not on other stages, of female parts being sustained by males, with voices of similar quality, produced by the same degrading means as at this day in the Papal hapel. "Il en est de môme des danses (adds the philosophic tourist); elles sont exécutées par des jeunes acteurs deguisés en femmes ou habillés en hommes." Before leaving this period our regards might linger on another scene in the Eternal City, and we might long to enjoy a retrospective glimpse into the drawing-room of the Spanish Ambassador, one night in November, 1782, to behold the "Antigone" of Alfieri, with the part of Creoute impersonated by the author, Emone by the Duke Odescalchi, whose charms Alfieri im

In 1853 the Papal Government appointed a committee for examining and adjudging prizes to original dramatic compositions recommended by moral and literary merits, in this following the example more energetically carried out at Turin. What the effects on the interests or character of the theatre in Rome it is difficult to say, as really nothing has been manifest; whilst in the northern capital the premiatipieces are frequently appearing, at once to take their place in the recognised national, if not truly classic drama, to which, indeed, many deserve being assigned. 3000 francs are annually reserved from the fund thus appropriated in Piedmont for premiation of three dramas, by Italian authors, after the test of production with successful results on the stage at Turin, where, in 1854, the Society of Dramatic Authors resolved to nominate and send delegates into the several Italian states and chief provinces, for the Roman appointing the Marquis Gioacchino Pepoli, for the Genovesato Signor Chiossone, a well-known writer for the stage; and at the same session was resolved the establishment of a journal, for the plan and prospectus of which commission was given to Brofferio, La Farina, Sabbatini—all popular literati. The government of liberated Tuscany, in July last, created a committee of four, including Dell' Ongaro, and the rest of well-known names, for similar interests, with right to dispose of 2000 francs annually in premiation of dramas, and 1000 francs for the best piece brought out every year, not on a public stage, but at the little theatre of the Accademia for encouragement of histrionic art, whose performances, usually by very young aspirants, are given on Sunday morning by daylight, before audiceses only of the juvited.

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With the strongly-marked changes in the physiognomy of Italian literature generally, those of the drama have been such, in recent years, as to escape no attentive observer; and we might date the rise of this completely new school within the period of great political events, between 1830-48, taking into account the influences of reawakened nationality in desire and feeling, emancipation from censorial restraints, and another cause (of some effect unquestionably), in the increasing appreciation of northern works, the more extended acquaintance with the German and English. Within late seasons we have seen Shakespeare become a favourite on the Italian scene, in the versions of Carcano, correct beyond expectation, though indeed modified by the contrasted genius of the theatre and idiom thus familiarised with the stranger; and after seeing the Hamlet and Othello of Tommasso Salvini, the Macbeth of Ernesto Rossi, I cannot but class those performances among the most deeply impressive presentments within my recollections of any stage. The foreign triumphs of Adelaide Ristori have certainly awakened a feeling towards her tending to bear interest in national tragedy, far from being so em-

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phatically or generally manifested by Italians towards this great actress before her ultramontane successes. To this we owe various efforts by men of abilities, who have wrought up scenes of high pathetic interest, suited to excite the terror or pity so powerfully commanded by her talents, with express view to her impersonations—as the "Giuditta" of Giacometti, the "Camma" of Montanelli, the "Cassandra" of Samma—the two former among the most effective and highly wrought of Italian tragedies; the last inferior, a feeble and confused treatment of its subject, in which we may wonder at such mistakes treatment of its subject, in which we may wonder at such mistakes respecting antique usages as the cinerary urn of Iphigenia placed in the temple of Apollo, the lights perpetually burning on a Pagan altar! The "Duchesse di San Giuliano," also written for and dedicated to Ristori, by G. Pieri, who has won recent celebrity by political songs and ballads, is the dramatisation of a story, among realities in the year 1637; Veronica Cypo, married into the Salviati family, discovering the affection of her husband for a woman of low station, ordered the murder of her rival, after many struggles and pages worked up with some pathos in these five acts. woman of low station, ordered the murder of her rival, after many struggles and pangs worked up with some pathos in these five acts. The decline of the pseudo-classic has been slowly but surely accomplishing in this theatre, though its forms and precepts have been maintained by accredited authorities, long after the ascendancy of Alfieri had ceased; and little sign of coming innovation appears in the scenes of Pellico, or even the earlier tragedies of Niccolini, while Marenco proposed to unite the classic and historic, but only secured permanent favour for his "Pia de' Tolommei," and that mainly through the acting of Ristori, just as the "Medea" of Della Valle, alike on the olden model, has owed its popularity in great part to through the acting of Ristori, just as the "Medea" of Della Valle, alike on the olden model, has owed its popularity in great part to Carolina Santoni—now chief auxiliar in the corps collected round herself by the former lady. To that company is regularly attached Signor Giacometti, first in his successes and prolific powers among writers of the day for this stage in tragedy, comedy, serious domestic drama, in metrical and prose dialogue, always evincing ready abilities, inventive versatility, and thorough knowledge of the scene: a lately issued edition of his plays, with ample pages, being professed by issued edition of his plays, with ample notes, being prefaced by a portrait that shows an intellectual and still youthful-looking head to be possessed by him. Gherardo del Testa is the next most fertile and generally popular dramatist, familiar to the theatre of every Italian generally popular dramatist, familiar to the theatre of every Italian metropolis, and not inferior in domestic pathos to Giacometti, not less sprightly and refined in the humorous than any comic writer of this language. Dell' Ongaro, more celebrated for his lyrics, has written a tragedy from Venetian story, "Il Fornaretto," of admirably sustained and thrilling interest. Mucci's "Caterina de' Medici" is one of the best specimens of the historic tragedy in prose, and used to be triumphant on the scene when acted by Carolina Internari, Ristori's instructress. Chissone and Leone

Fortis stand in the foremost rank for versatility and successes far and wide. In a series of cheap form, "Italia Dramatica, commenced at Turin, 1851, the selection of the modern acted drama opens with "Camoens; or, a Poet and a Minister," by Fortis, in prose, belong-"Camoens; or, a Poet and a Minister," by Fortis, in prose, belonging to the romantic and familiarly pathetic class, with a fullness of grouping scarce attempted till of late on this stage. From the same pen we have the promise of a drama on the subject "Georgio Byron." In the comedy, where French influences are often apparent, as well as in the serious prose drama, honourable mention is due to Brofferio, Vollo, Battaglia, Cosenza, Bon, Gualtieri, Gattinelli, and Rossi (the last two both actors and authors). Ferrari has attempted a kind of dramatic biography of genius in his "Parini and Satire," "Goldoni and his sixteen Comedies," but never been so fervently applauded as in his "Prosa," one of the best examples of the wider social scope and healthfully moral purpose of the new Italian school. social scope and healthfully moral purpose of the new Italian school; beside which admirable comedy of modern life may be placed "I Giornali," by Vollo, premiated at Turin—a brilliant and worthily-aimed Giornali," by Vollo, premiated at Turin—a brilliant and worthily-aimed satire on the dishonesties of the political press. In the first half of the last century a new epoch was formed by the tragedies from Roman history of Antonio Conti, who, following the suggestions of Gravina's "Ragione Poetica," ventured to introduce the people, the public life of ancient Rome, in his scenes. That example was imitated to some degree in the "Cajo Gracco" of Monte, and "Adelchi" of Manzoni, but never with such bold originality as by Revere, a living author of many prose tragedies on Italian historic themes; and also in the long and complicated, but not ineffective or uninteresting, treatment of the episode from two the century annals, "Stamira; or, the Rout of the Army of Barbarossa before Ancona," by G. Borioni (Turin, 1853), on the list, I believe, of the unacted plays, to which if (Turin, 1853), on the list, I believe, of the unacted plays, to which if we add all possessing merits to be appreciated and worthy of perusal in private in the Italian drama of recent origin, the number would be

in private in the Italian drama of recent origin, the number would be indeed considerable.

With much to be admired, and in its present phase exhibiting a rewakened energy that enlists all sympathies, we may yet consider this national theatre in but a transitionary state; compared with the wealth of historic suggestions, as yet little enriched by illustration of the fatherland in its past destinies; and boasting of but few productions to be called monumental, except indeed the noblest by Nicoolini, whose "Arnaldo" seems the first in the language of this sublime historic class. The more deeply thought-out tragedy, in which the sources of interest derive from the inner life, and the mysteries of human fate are referred to their solution in moral causes, still appears the property of the Northern rather than the Southern stage: but perhaps perty of the Northern rather than the Southern stage; but perhaps may be one of the high attainments to be fairly expected from the

promise already given by Italy.

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THE ARTS.

British Artists from Hogarth to Turner: being a Series of Biographical Sketches. By Walter Thornbury, Author of "Art and Nature," "Life in Spain," &c. 2 vols. London: Hurst and Blackett, 1861, pp. 661.

"MISCELLANIES ON ART" would be the more correct, though "M ISCELLANIES ON ART" would be the more correct, though not so attractive a title for these volumes, consisting in great part of a reprint of articles recently contributed to the Art Journal. Their contents are far from being exclusively devoted to British artists. In Vol. I. we have "Last Hours" of Brauwer, the Fleming; of Fra Angelico, the Italian; of M. Beaujean, the Frenchman; of Giovanni da Fiori, the Florentine flower-painter. Nearly a moiety of Vol. II. is occupied by chapters on topics so general as "Epochs of Painting," "Greek Art," "Moorish Art," "Gothic Azt." Turner, of whom the title gives promise, is represented by a vignette portrait; Hogarth by an imaginary conversation about him and the London scenes he immortalised. The chapters which are devoted to the early heroes of the English schools—Wilson, Gainsborough, Reynolds, Barry, Morland, Nollekens, and others—with whose careers Allan Cunningham and Nollekens Smith have made us all familiar, are not so much condensed biographies as dramatic glimpses of the men and of their environments. No new facts are given, nor are all the material old facts grouped together. Certain striking scenes and circumstances in their lives are together. Certain striking scenes and circumstances in their lives are vividly and picturesquely painted—made to re-live before our eyes, with all the *vraisemblance* and illusive effect of the novelist. There is, in fact, displayed in these essays more of the novelist's than of the biographer's art. Mr. Thornbury is always graphic, though sometimes careless. He paints with a full brush, and sets his palette with times careless. He paints with a full brush, and sets his palette with a sufficient variety of colours—sometimes applying them, as other painters, for effect do, a little at random—and sometimes, perhaps, taking up a wrong tint. The interest of his pictures is undeniable: a result partly due to the talent of the painter, partly to his subjects. For, next to the lives of actors and of Bohemians generally, those of artists are among the most interesting to read. Especially so are those of our English artists of the last century, pioneers in a then doubtful and difficult course: lives

abounding in contrasted and often dark hues, interwoven with the men still remarkable in letters and politics, and illustrating phases of manners so opposite to those of the present day. Capital "subjects" for a biographer with a turn for dramatic and picturesque "subjects" for a biographer with a turn for dramatic and picturesque realisation are such men as the bright mercurial Gainsborough, the moody, neglected Wilson, Reynolds the bland and self-possessed, Barry the fierce and squalid, shrewd miserly Nollekens, the foppish visionary Cosway, the spendthrift Sherwin, the stormy Fuseli, Morland the reprobate, Lawrence the courtly and financially-embarrassed; not to mention "men of promise" prematurely cut off like Proctor and Deare, and obscure nobodies once famous like Biaggio Rebecca Locatelli, and others. Theirs is an always interesting class. Any facts about them are as glimpses of light amid the Stygian darkness of the forcotten past.

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The best papers here, the most careful and solid, strike us as being those on Gainsborough and Reynolds; among the most vivid, next to them, those on Wilson, Nollekens, and "the two fop artists," Sherwin and Cosway. We must enter our protest, however, against the attempt to draw "a moral" from the sorrowful life, and at the expense, of men like Wilson and Barry; men who lived up to their lights, and whose chief misfortune it was that they lived in a protection. The life of one was rightly registed blossoms with per-Becotian age. The life of any man rightly painted blossoms with perpetual "moral," not with a solitary cut-and-dry one. Perhaps, too, the life of any human creature, above all that of a man who has existed to enrich and ennoble the world, as in the case of most of these men, is too solemn a thing to be made a show of, for the entertainment

and wonderment of the groundlings.

From the vivid and picturesque sketch of Gainsborough, here is a clever and characteristic snatch of "generalising" portraiture:

We delight in all the stories of this impulsive and versatile man; of his buying Giardini's violin, which he never could stretch, and Abel's viol de gamba, which he could not finger. We can see him begging the Welsh harper to sell him his harp, and purchasing a hautboy to rival that blackbird, Fisher. We have seen him (in our mind's eye, Horatio) sketch the "Blue boy"—afterwards a distinguished ironmonger—and then rush up to try the Vandyck theorbo he has just bought of the bearded German professor he found dining in a garret on a pipe and some rosated apples. No wonder he breathed a divine light into the eye of Fisher's portrait. No wonder his delighted brush dwelt on the chesnut glow of an old Straduarius, and knew how to fleck the bright light on the

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mellow rim of a hautboy. No wonder the painter, usually so sketchy, engraved with careful dark letters the maker's name on the painted piano. No wonder he gave Colonel Hamilton a picture for playing to him witchingly on the violin, and Mr. Nollekins Smith "a pinch" of a dog's head, because he seemed, as a boy, to like fiddling. We need no print to show him us bowing away with reversed wig at a violoncello, or blowing his brains out through a blunderbuss-mouthed hautboy. We recall him—as in a statue, so firm and sharp is the outline—in his room, the sides heaped with canvases, the corners stacked with flutes and violins, standing, with his brushes, two yards long, painting for hours a day; in the evening at Hampstead, refreshing his eye at the twilight window; or by lamplight near his wife, sitting drawing leafy lanes, up to the knees in sketches, that are thrown under the table as waste. Or shall we take him later, gay in a rich suit of drab, gold-laced, painting Sterne, Chatterton, Richardson, or Johnson, and snatching stray moments to hug his violin under his chin: or with a bit of clay from the beer-barrel, and a lump of wax from the candle, to model the head of that beautiful singer, Miss Linley, who has just charmed him at a concert, and whom Sheridan is shortly to crack bottles and shed blood for?

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We have the gentle tenderness and contentment, as of the golden age, that pervades the Suffolk painter's pictures. We regard them with gratitude, as proof of the love of landscape—then but a small busk, in England now so good and honoured a tree; but we still must regard from in painting with much of that modified love we feel for Thomson in poetry, taking both rather for what they est men to do than for what they did. It is true that Gainsborough, with a fine enthusiasm for his art, was always in his walks watching the coloweb grey of London distances, the faces of children, the ripple of dock-leaves, the grim blunness of chance stumps. But how did he work? Not often in the open air, though he painted the copen air, not often in the country, though he painted the country. It is also true that he took his men from clay dolis; his cows from pinched wax, his rocks from knows of coal; his trees from firewood; his water and grass from dry moss and flakes of looking-glass. Artificial systems of course produce artificial Art; good recipes produce good cooks, but not good painters. Such tricks, like the angry ton of coals thrown down for the Last Judgment scene in Martinis studio, may give hints, but even to a genius must be dangerous aids. It, however, in a false and periwig age, showed the London painter's solicitude to realise, and the activity and energy of a mind that rejected no allies of the imagination—just as caricaturists draw outrageous heads from disturbed pillows, and even creased paper. . . . Tom's eye turned to the living world, and his objects of study were everywhere around him. He was the first to show us that there was poetry in English ratic life, and that bariey-sugar temples were not essential as a garnish to English nature, and prepared the way for English Art. What Reynolds called "a portrait-like representation of nature," we have since found is th

The portrait of Sir Joshua (supposed date 1766) is rapidly but vigorously struck off:

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A man of middle size, full-fleshed, but not corpulent; blunt, kindly features, beaming spectacles; upper lip deeply scarred, from falling down a precipice when out riding in Minorca. His complexion is of that rosy floridness that healthy middle age, even in London, sometimes wears; his face is round; his while wig bushy and bobbed; the veins on his full broad forehead are prominent; his mouth is twitchy and sensitive; his eyes keen and observant. His face wears too a little of a deaf man's anxiety, and he carries the inevitable ear-trumpet, that acknowledgment of an infirmity that Johnson disliked so. Reynolds has still a great adversary in Ramsay—Allan Ramsay's clever son. Romney has not appeared above the horizon; but there is rough Gainsborough, a dangerous rival, in Pall Mall. Though not yet president, Sir Joshua—as we call him, though he is not yet knighted, and West is gaining all the attention of the court, and hoping to establish an academy—looks a quiet, courteous, sensible gentleman as need be; silent at his easel, but able to talk, well-read, travelled, and schooled by duels with old Johnson to some subtlety and accuracy of reasoning and conclusion. Now, with his spectacles, full cravat, frilled shirt, deep-collared buttoned coat, lapelled waistcoat, and Michael Angelo watch seal, he looks born for rank, does the Devonshire clergyman's son; and if I wanted a special word to express at once the chief charac-

teristics of Sir Joshua, I should choose the adjective "respectable"—for that, apart from his genius, is what he socially is. Barry is a raving Irish savage beside him; Gainsborough a distempered clown; Wilson a red-nosed drunken boor; West but a Methodist churchwarden. We know he is parsimonious in his household, inclined to secret jealousy, cold, and disposed to be dictatorial; not an impulsive, warm-hearted man, but an agreeable-tempered, bland worshipper of the "respectabilities;" slow of invention; rather too free a borrower from the old portrait-painters, and, in everything but colour experiments, prudent, discerning, and safe. No doubt answers may be found to these charges by men who like to think their heroes angels, and do not want the truth, or the hard instructive reality; no doubt he helped Dr. Johnson to do good by alms; no doubt he gave Gainsborough one hundred guineas for his "Girl and Pigs," when he asked only sixty; no doubt he once gave a starving artist 1901; but he was a screw at home, and fidgeted his servants about the candle-droppings and cheese-parings, when he had a snug 60,0001. lying at his bank. We must remember, too, that many people thought themselves defrauded by the fading of some of Reynolds's experimental pictures; and that his women, as Walpole, the clever chatterer, says, were thought unsuccessful, and his poor children too courtly and polished.

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The external helps and dodges, of which Sir Joshua in his poverty of invention shiftily availed himself, are happily pointed out in the following passage:

Now this Puck, for instance, this inimitable little brown goblin, tossing up his frolicsome legs on the round top of a spongy mushroom—the picture that Walpole did not like, and that Alderman Boydell would have painted for his Shakspere Gallery—was it taken from a chubby beggar boy that Sir Joshua found sitting on the steps of this very house that we are in Leicester-square?—or was it from the stray street boy who, afterwards becoming a brewer's porter, was, singularly enough, years after when grown old, present at the sale-room when this very picture was put up to the hammer?—or was it, which is more likely painted at first from the stray boy, afterwards one of those sturdy champions in quilted coat and leather armour, that you see riding luxuriously on Barclay's drays, and subsequently repainted, at Boydell's request, on the mushroom as Puck, and finished from what do you think, invisible friend of mine?

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Why, from a dead child, pale and flaccid, borrowed from a hospital, and bandaged up in the position of the laughing goblin. Sir Joshua was tull of these experiments; for Mason tells us that just as he painted hungry "You-go-lean-O" from a grinning coal-heaver or street beggar with a fortnight's beard on, so he painted some of his cherubs from a mirror suspended at angles above the heads of children sitters. His fancy and historical pictures were, in fact, merely portraits, and often originated by chance circumstances, for Sir Joshua's periwigged imagination was not a nimble-footed one, and was not always at hand when called for. His "Children in the Wood," for instance, arose from the fact of a beggar child, who was sitting to him for some other picture, falling asleep, and looking so innocent and calm, that Sir Joshua instantly put a clean fresh canvas on his easel, and painted in the head; and then, as the child turned in its sleep, he drew on the same canvas another study of the same head. Some leaves, an orange-breasted Robin, and some boughs were then added; and the dish, so spiced and cooked, was henceforth known as "The Children in the Wood." This very child nearly came to a bad end, after being thus immortalised for one day; the beggar mother let it fall out of her arms from the wood." This very child nearly came to a bad end, after being thus immortalised for one day; the beggar mother let it fall out of her arms from the asset throne, but luckily the enild escaped unhurt. In his allegorical picture of Dr. Beattie, Reynolds introduced a portrait of lean, wizen Voltaire, and a fat man's back, that everybody would christen Hume's. Then let us not forget that chubby little giant, the boy Hercules, drawn from the son of a tenant of Burke's down at Beaconsfield, where the rusticating artist saw him, robust and happy, rolling on the cottage floor.

In his chapters entitled "Last Hours of the Painters," in which the reins are freely thrown on Fancy's neck, we do not think Mr. Thornbury so successful as in his biographic sketches. With the as in his biographic sketches. With the assumption of the dramatic form the dramatic spirit dwindles. The interesting attempt again to identify in the London of our own day the backgrounds of Hogarth's moral Epies reads very awkwardly put as an impossible dialogue between Garrick and Goldsmith. It is odd enough, by the way, that the latter poet should "tread the musty-smelling cocoa-nut mats of Marylebone Church this quiet week-day" nearly a century before cocoa-nut mats had been invented.

In the paper on Cruikshank there is some good hearty sympathetic

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For weird force, and as an embodied ghost-story, as a flash of light on a dark Rembrandt-night, as showing his imaginative gobiin sombreness, George V. never did anything so admirable and so excelling as his "Will of the Wisp," across which, as across a dying wit's face, passes a ghastly gleam of humour. Talk of Fuseli and his wind-bag, there is real, vivid imagination enough in this to make a whole Academy of Fuselis. It is just an Egyptian darkness, with breaking through it above a bog-hole, some black butrushes, and above them a bending, leathery goblin, exulting over some drowned traveller, the meteor lamp he carries casting a downward flicker on the dark water. Such darkness, such wicked speed, such bad, Puck-like malice, such devitry, Hoffman and Poe together could not have better devised; many a May exhibition has not half the genius in all its pictures that focuses in that gem of jet.

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of the "Chapters on Art," the "Epochs of Painting" is a hasty rough-and-ready summary of the characteristics of the "schools" of Painting during four thousand years. It takes rapid strides to get through such a task in 47 post-octavo pages. The chapter on "Greek Art" is the best of the four—vivid and picturesque; that on "Moorish Art" is a chapter of sentiment on the Alhambra. That on "Gothic Art" is more rhetorical than profound.

It would have enhanced the value of the chapters devoted to English artists, not only if they had been carefully revised and more equal in calibre, but even if they had been arranged in chronological

equal in calibre, but even if they had been carefully revised and more equal in calibre, but even if they had been arranged in chronological order. In the preface we are told, they "are to be accounted as the precursors of a more ambitious and elaborate book, the result of many years' study—'A History of English Art: from Hogarth its Founder, to Turner its Perfecter.' In this, if God gives me life, I purpose to trace not merely the early sufferings and martyrdoms of

our great English artists, but also the growth and progress of English Art, from the acorn to the oak. I hope to show the lesser men grouped in Art, from the accorn to the case. I hope to show the lesser men grouped in epochs, and revolving round the representative mindof the period with borrowed motion and reflected light." A crying want is exposed in the following complaint: "The student of National Art knows not where to go to find specimens of Opie and Northcote, Fuseli, Blake, Mortimer, Tresham, or Romney. We have nowhere in our meagre coltimer, Tresham, or Romney. We have nowhere in our meagre col-lections any genealogical tree of Art, where we can trace our pictorial mind from the root to the newest twig. Another half-century this disgrace, and these deficiencies, will be irreparable. While there is yet time let there be reform and remedy." It is indeed time the nation should bethink itself of attempting a coherent National collection!

HISTORY.

History of the United Netherlands, from the death of William the Silent to the Synod of Dort. With a full View of the English-Dutch Struggle against Spain, and of the Origin and Destruction of the Spanish Armada. By John Lothron Motley, D.C.L., Corresponding Member of the Institute of France; author of "The Rise of the Dutch Republic." Vols. I. and H. London: John Murray.

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DR. MOTLEY'S second volume is even more interesting to the student of history than his first. It is not so lively—for at every step he knows that the sleepless eye of Dryasdust is upon him, and he ks with a toilsome and deliberate industry, far from to the casual looker-on, but necessary to one conscious of that vigilant and carping presence.

Like all Americans inspired by a true literary ambition, he writes for the English public, not merely for his own; yet he knows that at every stroke he is offending some English prejudice, hurting some dearly-cherished national notion, and he must be ready with his authorities and citations for each offensive statement. It was the Sidneys and Leicesters, we are apt to think, who established the foundations of Dutch liberty; it was the speech at Tilbury, the wise preparations and management of Elizabeth and her counsellers, that discomfited the Armada. Not so, thinks Dr. Motley. According to him, Sidney owed his death to a combat in which the English combined the endurance of Inkermann with the heroic dash of the Balaclava charge. But Zutphen, the name in which is embalmed one of the dearest of England's memories, is to the American historian the first in the long series of Leicester's blunders, which nearly ruined the cause of Dutch freedom, embroiled the best patriots nearly runned the cause of Dutch freedom, embroiled the best patriots of Holland with the English Queen and Government, made the enterprise of Philip possible, and threatened Europe with the triumphant domination of Spain. No, in Dr. Motley's sedate, precise, argumentative prose, proving all things by quotations and foot-notes, we hear continually the old melancholy refrain, "Quantula sapientia! quantula sapientia!" Philip the Prudent, with his neglect of his soldiery in Flanders, his peddling dispatches, his insane expectations, is scarcely more ineffective than our own great Elizabeth starving the English continuous in the Low Courties. great Elizabeth, starving the English contingent in the Low Countries, prosecuting the quarrels of her reconciled Leicester with the patriotic Dutchmen, who saw through his brilliant shallowness; listening to the temporising counsel of the solemn Burleigh, when every moment called for resolute action; snubbing the heroic Sidneys and Drakes; sending commissioners to treat for peace with Philip, and believing in the sincerity of his expressions of amity towards England, at the very moment when the blow was on the point of being dealt at her. Such is the gist of Dr. Motley's second volume. Preux chevaliers of the Virgin Queen, Froudes and Kingsleys, will soon be donning their armour and doing battle for their liege lady; but, in the mean time, Dr. Motley's well-weighed and well supported statements deserve the most serious extensions and account of the deserve the deserved by the deserved the des

most serious attention, and awaken the deepest historic interest.

When the gallant Sidney has faded out of the history, dying from wounds received in a conflict which, though Leicester wrote of it as "the most notable encounter that hath been in our age," arose out of no object more romantic than that of seizing "a convoy of wheat and barley, butter and cheese," no figure emerges on which the eye can rest with satisfaction until the appearance of Drake upon the scene. It was when Leicester was squabbling with the Dutch patriots and his English subordinates, insisting upon being recognised as the representative of a sovereignty, which Elizabeth randiated, and sowing the sentative of a sovereignty which Elizabeth repudiated, and sowing seeds of long political and social schism in a commonwealth where unity and harmony of sentiment and action were indispensable for the repulse of the common foe, that "an Englishman arrived in the Netherlands, bearer of dispatches from the Queen." Dr. Motley's portrait of Drake is a loving one, all the more so that our sea-king was not high of origin or in place, and we recognise the American Republican in one or two of his touches:

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He was a small man, apparently forty-five years of age, of a fair but somewhat weather-stained complexion, with light brown, closely-curling hair, an expansive forehead, a clear blue eye, rather commonplace features, a thin, brown, pointed beard, and a slight moustache. Though low of stature, he was broad-chested, with well-knit limbs. His hands, which were small and nervous, were brown and callous with the marks of toil. There was something in his brow and glance not to be mistaken, and which men willingly call master; yet he did not seem to have sprung of the born magnates of the earth. He wore a heavy gold chain about his neck, and it might be observed that upon the light full sleeves of his slashed doublet the image of a small ship on a terrestrial globe was curiously and many times embroidered. It was not the first time that he had visited the Netherlands. Thirty years before the man had been apprentice on board a small lugger, which traded between the English coast and the ports

of Zeeland. Emerging in early boyhood from his parental mansion—an old boat, turned bottom upwards on a sandy down—he had naturally taken to the sea, and his master, dying childless not long afterwards, bequeathed to him the lugger. But in time his spirit, too much confined by coasting in the narrow seas, had taken a bolder flight. He had risked his hard-earned savings in a voyage with the old slave-trader, John Hawkins—whose exertions, in what was then considered an honourable and useful vocation, had been rewarded by Queen Elizabeth with her special favour, and with a coat of arms, the crest whereof was a negro's head, proper, chained—but the lad's first and last enterprise in this field was unfortunate. Captured by Spaniards, 2nd only escaping with ilfe, he determined to revenge himself on the whole Spanish nation; and this was considered a most legitimate proceeding according to the "sea divinity" in which he had been schooled. His subsequent expeditions against the Spanish possessions in the West Indies were eminently successful, and soon the name of Francis Drake rang through the world, and startled Philip in the depths of his Escorial. The first Englishman, and the second of any nation, he then ploughed his memorable "furrow round the earth," carrying amazement and destruction to the Spaniards as he sailed, and after three years brought to the Queen treasure enough, as it was asserted, to maintain a war with the Spanish King for seven years, and to pay himself and companions, and the merchant-adventurers who had participated in his enterprise, forty-seven pounds sterling for every pound invested in the voyage. The speculation had been a fortunate one both for himself and for the kingdom. The terrible Sea-king was one of the great types of the sixteenth century. The self-helping private adventurer, in his little vessed the Golden Hind, 100 tons burthen, had waged successful war against a mighty empire, and had shown England how to humble Philip. When he again set foot on his native soil he was followed by

This is the burden of Dr. Motley's plaint. Always negotiating for a not safe and honourable peace! Dr. Motley has perused the whole of Philip's secret correspondence preserved in the archives of Simancas, and of which complete copies have been taken for the Belgian Government, and their revelations are certainly astounding. Let gran Government, and their revelations are certainty astounding. Let us not go into sackcloth and ashes for the faults of our modern diplomacy, and point with regretful envy to the times when England was governed by an Elizabeth and a Burleigh. The more Philip lied, the more Elizabeth and her chief advisers believed him; and the joke of the matter (if joke there can be in it) is that Philip never could bring lineally the believed that Elizabeth rate his days and forcial that the himself to believe that Elizabeth was his dupe, and fancied that she was attempting to deceive him as he succeeded in deceiving her. In the annals of enormous lying, royal, diplomatic, or private, we know nothing to compare with the following instructions sent by the grayheaded, slight-figured, stooping letter-writer of the Escurial. Com-missioners were expected by Parma from Elizabeth to treat of peace; they were to disavow the English Queen's participation in Drake's gallant attack on Cadiz; and then—his Majesty continued:

"When you have got such a disavowal, you are to act as if entirely taken in and imposed upon by them, and, pretending to believe everything they tell you, you must renew the negotiations, proceed to name commissioners, and propose a meeting upon neutral territory. As for powers, say that you, as my governor-general, will entrust them to your deputies, in regard to the Netherlands. For all other matters, say that you have had full powers for many months, but that you cannot exhibit them until conditions worthy of my acceptance have been offered. Say this only for the sake of appearance. This is the true way to take them in, and so the peace-commissioners may meet, But to you only do I declare that my intention is that this shall never lead to any result, whatever conditions may be offered by them. On the contrary, all this is done—just as they do—to deceive them, and to cool them in their preparations for defence, by inducing them to believe that such preparations will be unnecessary. For are well aware that the reverse of all this is the truth, and that on our part there is to be no slackness, but the greatest diligence in our efforts for the invasion of England, for which we have already made the most abundant provision in men, ships, and money, of which you are well aware." Is it strange that the Queen of England was deceived? Is it matter of surprise, censure, or shame, that no English statesman was a stute enough or base enough to contend with such diplomacy, which seemed inspired only by the very father of lies?

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With what art Parma treated the English commissioners, with what supernatural simplicity they believed in him, is told in long detail in Dr. Motley's pages. Even when Cardinal Allen's famous book had been published, and Elizabeth knew at last what was about to be attempted, the English commissioners could still be duped. The following respecting one of them, would be almost incredible, did The following, respecting one of them, would be almost incredible, did not Dr. Motley (the italics are his, not ours) quote chapter and verse

By this time, Elizabeth was up and doing though almost to the very last her Admiral, Howard, and her minister, Walsingham, complain of the same parsimony which had starved the English army in Flanders, and which threatened to starve the English navy on which the defence of the realm depended. And what was the Royal Navy of England when the Armada menaced the kingdom? Nothing could more strikingly contrast the England of 1588 with the England of 1860 than a little paragraph of Dr. Motley's: "The whole royal navy, numbering about thirty-four vessels in all, of different sizes, ranging from 1110 and 1000 tons to 30, had at last been got ready for sea. Its aggregate tonnage was 11,820, not half so much as at the pre-

sent moment—in the case of one marvellous merchant steamer—floats upon a single keel."

Dr. Motley's description of the discomfiture, the dispersion, and the flight of the Armada, is seldom what it is fashionable to call pictorial. It is the work of a practical American, determined to know and understand every detail and fibre of the great transaction, and to reproduce it with the utmost fidelity. Strange to say, after reading the narrative in which the defeat of the mighty ships of Spain by the small nimble vessels of England is chronicled with the most scrupulous minuteness, the mind at once recurs to Fuller's famous description of minuteness, the mind at once recurs to Fuller's famous description of the wit combats of Shakespeare and Jonson, which really seems to have been suggested by the sterner battling which humbled the might of Spain. In one respect Dr. Motley is original, and the point which he seeks to prove indeed alone gives him a direct right to introduce in such detail the story of the Armada into his narrative. His notion is, that the success or non-success of the Armada depended on the junction of its huge unwieldy vessels with the fleet of gunboats and hoys which Parma had collected in the Flemish ports for the transport and protection of his numerous and well-equipped army of invasion. It was the skill with which the fleets of Holland and Zeeland, numbering some one hundred and fifty galleons, sloops, and flyboats, blockading every possible egress from Newport. sloops, and flyboats, blockading every possible egress from Newport, or Gravelines, or Sluys, or Flushing, or Dunkirk, that forbade the junction, and in reality determined the great event. It was not England alone, but the co-operation of the United Netherlands, that baffled the Armada—this is Dr. Motley's theory. Our last extract shall be the description of Philip's tranquil and almost complacent reception of the country of this past fordly charisted when the ception of the overthrow of his most fondly-cherished plan-the shattering of the hope of years.

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Sanguine and pertinacious, the King refused to believe in the downfall of his long-cherished scheme; and even when the light was at last dawning upon him, he was like a child crying for a fresh toy, when the one which had long amused him had been broken. If the Armada were really very much damaged, it was easy enough, he thought, for the Duke of Parma to make him a new one, while the old one was repairing. "In case the Armada is too much shattered to come out," said Philip, and winter compels it to stay in that port, you must cause another Armada to be constructed at Emden and the adjacent towns, at my expense, and, with the two together, you will certainly be able to conquer England." And he wrote to Medina Sidonia in similar terms. That naval commander was instructed to enter the Thames at once, if strong enough. If not, he was to winter in the Scotch port which he was supposed to have captured. Meantime Farnese would build a new fleet at Emden, and in the spring the two dukes would proceed to accomplish the great purpose. But at last the arrival of Medina Sidonia at Santander dispelled these visions, and now the King appeared in another attitude. A messenger, coming post-haste from the captain-general, arrived in the early days of October at the Escorial. Entering the palace he found Idiaquez and Moura pacing up and down the corridor, before the door of Philip's cabinet, and was immediately interrogated by those counsellors, most auxious, of course, to receive authentic intelligence at last as to the fate of the Armada. The entire overthrow of the great project was now, for the first time, fully revealed in Spain; the fabulous victories over the English, and the annihilation of Howard and all his ships, were dispersed in air. Broken, ruined, forlorn, the invincible Armada—so far as it still existed—had reached a Spanish port. Great was the constrantion of Idiaquez and Moura, as they listened to the tale, and v

"His Majesty thinks nothing of the blow," answered Moura, "nor do I, consequently, make more of this great calamity than does his Majesty. So the King—as fortune flew away from him—wrapped himself in his virtue; and his counsellors, imitating their sovereign, arrayed themselves in the same garment. Thus draped, they were all prepared to bide the pelting of the storm which was only beating figuratively on their heads, while it had been dashing the King's mighty galleons on the rocks, and drowning by thousands the wretched victims of his ambition. Soon afterwards, when the particulars of the great disaster were thoroughly known, Philip ordered a letter to be addressed in his name to all the bishops of Spain, ordering a solemn thanksgiving to the Almighty for the safety of that portion of the invincible Armada which it had pleased Him to preserve. And thus, with the sound of mourning throughout Spain—for there was scarce a household of which some beloved member had not perished in the great catastrophe—and with the peals of merry bells over all England and Holland, and with a solemn 'Te Deum' resounding in every church, the curtain fell upon the great tragedy of the Armada.

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Dr. Motley's book is one which already takes a rank among standard works of history. It has opened up many new points, and suggested many new problems, in English history. Whatever may be the verdict finally pronounced upon his opinions, no careful reader of his book can doubt the conscientious industry of his research, the ability with which he has marshalled its results, and the candour which results are the statement of new views, never wearing the six which presides over the statement of new views, never wearing the air of paradoxes, or supported by a recourse to the disingenuous arts still too common with historians by whom novelty and a supposed originality are considered acceptable substitutes for truth.

VOYAGES AND TRAVELS.

Iceland: its Volcanoes, Geysers, and Glaciers. By Charles S. Forbes. London: John Murray. pp. 335.

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and our northern shores is not very great, it is surprising how sknown in this country of that interesting land. The short little is known in this country of that interesting land. The short account of his visit thither, which Mr. Robert Chambers published about two years ago, was received with avidity and eagerly read, and we constantly hear of sportsmen and tourists asking for some reliable information respecting this land of snow and fire, of geyser, sulphur, and volcano. One great cause of this scantiness of information doubt-less is to be found in the few and unfrequent opportunities of transit between this country and Iceland. The trade of the latter is hitherto quite undeveloped (and if Commander Forbes is to be trusted, the sulphur trade is culpably neglected), whilst the commerce that really is going on finds its way, for the most part, to Denmark. Doubtless in time our northern traders will find it to their account to take a run over more frequently to Reykjavik, and then it may be that visits to Iceland will be more common.

Commander Forbes's visit to Iceland arose out of what may be termed an accident. Happening to meet a friend who said he was going thither, the Commander volunteered to accompany him, and a bargain was forthwith struck. "Bring with you," said the experienced friend, "your oldest clothes, waterproof suit, gun and fishingrod, and anything you may want to eat and drink, for you'll get nothing up there." Equipped somewhat after this fashion. Commander Forhes up there." Equipped somewhat after this fashion, Commander Forbes found himself, not long afterwards, at Reykjavik, preparing for a sporting expedition into the interior. No anchorites were he and his friends, judging at least from the following agreeable account of how they contrived to boil their peas:

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Our programme was, to let those who please shoot before breakfast; they were not many generally; but, as I could not lie in bed under the circumstances, I became, in spite of myself, an early riser, and, taking my gun, wandered down to the banks of the lake to investigate the nets, which were always full of that most delicate and delicious of trout styled by Gaimard les truites des fontaines. They are only found in the larger lakes, in which there are cold springs; externally and internally they are of a brilliant orange, and, boiled in a butter sauce prepared by M. Vérons' chef, they certainly surpass anything I have ever met that has its home in the waters, whether salt or fresh; and were they only known at Petersburgh, would not fail to be brought down by steamer in ice, and add one more to the far-sought luxuries of that most luxurious of capitals; fresh sterlet from the Volga by "paderoshnie" must cost fifty times the price which these trout could be brought down for, and are not half so good. These fish in a demi-torpid state meander in shoals round the numerous icy-cold fountains which bubble up through the fissures of the lava round the margin of the lake; what they thrive on I cannot tell, as they steadfastly declined every fly and bait I could devise. Picking up a few snipe and duck by the way, and returning about noon, we find breakfast spread on nature's carpet in front of our tents; the only native production tolerated is the aforesaid trout, which holds the place of honour, and, together with the Sauterne, would alone have rewarded a trip to this outlandish spot. Subsequently, taking our ease and the never-failing pipe, we arrange the day; some explore the Althing, others the caverns en route to Geyser, or make an expedition per boat to the craters of Videy and Sandey; inveterate sportsmen mount their ponies, and seek ptarmigan, plover, and curlew amongst the mosscovered lava-streams. In the e

We next come upon a capital description of the famous sulphur springs of Krisuvik:

Steam was jetting from all parts of the face of the mountain, especially from a saddle about 300 feet overhead, which lay parallel to the range, and seemed to be the centre of sublimation of a mass of pure sulphur.

We found the ascent both greasy and arduous, over the soft beds of white, red, and blue clays; the former containing from 30 to 40 per cent. of sulphur; and the two latter, which form the lower and more extensive portion, about 16

per cent. As we advanced, we were obliged to make a long détour to avoid the sulphureous column of vapour swept down by the wind from this main centre of sublimation, and the stench was intolerable. The crust became hotter and hotter, and the clays lighter, and at every step we displaced whole barrowfuls in our struggle for a footing; vapour breaking out of the exposed surface, which was much too warm to bear the hand upon. Ultimately we arrived at the weather side of the bank, and found it of considerable extent, covered with a crust, two to three feet in depth, of almost pure sulphur, for, in specimens we selected at random, only 155 parts of foreign matter could be found.

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In the valley beyond, about fifty feet beneath us lay a huge caldron twelve feet in diameter in full blast, brimming and seething with boiling blue mud, that spluttered up in occasional jets five or six feet in height, diffusing clouds of vapour in every direction. If a constant calm prevailed here, instead of ever-varying gales, the sulphur sublimated from these sources would be precipitated in regular banks; as it is, it hardly ever falls twenty-four hours in the same direction, the wind blowing it hither and thither, capriciously distributing the sulphur-shower in every quarter.

What between the roaring of the caldron, the hissing of the steam-jets, the stink of the sulphur, the clouds of vapour, the luridness of the atmosphere, the wildness of the glen, and the heat of the soil increasing tangibly at every inch, I could not help occasionally glancing round to assure myself that his Satanic Majesty was not present, and nestled up to my companions, to be ready in case of any such emergency as "Pull, devil; pull, Governor," arising.

A journey in Iceland, without a visit to the geysers, would not be complete. Here then is Commander Forbes's description of those natural wonders:

Wishing to discourse the priest relative to the local history and habits of the geysers, I invited him to an early dinner, and hastened home to prepare it. Whilst my guide went to purchase a bottle of corn-brandy and some coffee from the farmer, and beg him as the Squire to meet the Church, I undertook the office of Soyer, and determined to avail myself of the natural cooking resources of the country. I collected a considerable pile of turf at the mouth of the Strokr. and then, taking my reserve flannel shirt, packed the breast of mutton securely in the body, and a ptarmigan in each sleeve. On the approach of my guests I administered what I supposed would be a forty-minute dose of turf to the Strokr, and pitched my shirt containing our dinner into it immediately afterwards.

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Directing the guide to keep the coffee warm in the geyser basin, and seated al fresco, I offered brandy and strips of dried cod by way of a relish—northern fashion. Not so contemptible either, I thought, as my memory carried me back to the hospitable board of a warrior prince, since murdered in the Caucasus, who always gave me, before breakfast, pickled onions and London gin out of a bottle bearing a flaunting label of a gaudy old grimalkin on a flaming scarlet barrel with golden hoops, and who, after drinking wine of every species, always wound up with bottled stout out of champagne glasses. The forty minutes passed, and I became nervous regarding the more substantial portion of the repast; and, fearing lest the Strokr had diessted my mutton, ordered turf to be piled for another emetic. But seven minutes after time my anxiety was relieved by a tremendous eruption (the dinner-bell had sounded), and, surrounded with steam and turf-clods, I beheld my shirt in mid air, arms extended, like a head-and-tail-less trunk: it fell lifeless by the brink. But we were not to dine yet; so well corked had been the steam-pipe below, that it let out with more than usual viciousness, and forbade dishing up under pain of scalding. After about a quarter of an hour, in a temporary lull, I recovered my garment, and turned the dinner out on the grass before my grave guests, who immediately narrated a legend of a man in his cups who had fallen into the Strokr, being eventually thrown up piecemeal in the common course of events. The mutton was done to a turn; not so the ptarmigan, which I expected to be somewhat protected by their feathers; they were in threads. As for the shirt, it is none the worse, save in colour, the dye being scalded out of it.

The ascent of Hekla supplies material for an agreeable chapter. The toils of the ascent and the magnificent view which rewarded the effort are all well described:

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Retracing our steps, we resumed the ascent once more, and at noon stood on the brink of the crater—the eastern side of which forms part of the southern cone. It is nearly circular, about half a mile in circumference, and from two to three hundred feet deep. The recently-fallen show still lay in some parts; but by far the greater portion was bare and fuming. Its sides were a strange mixture of black sand, ashes, clinkstone, and sulphur-clay—more water was alone wanting to develop its slumbering energies. Descending to the bottom, which contracted almost to a point, I was somewhat surprised to find it of a hard black mud on one side, supporting a considerable mass of ice—a strange contrariety to its steaming flanks, in which, about half way down, near some precipitated sulphur, I had by digging away the crust succeeded in lighting a fusee, and subsequently my pipe; and, choosing a temporary fire-proof seat, endeavoured to realise my position in the bowels of Hekla. Like nearly all realities, it barely comes up to the anticipation; but when I reflected that it has continued the steady work of destruction through nine centuries, during which there are authentic records of no less than twenty-four periods of violent eruptions of various duration; and that the last but one, in 1766, was as d vastating as any of its predecessors—destroying surrounding farms and pastures with its lava and ashes, hurling its red-hot stones to an almost fabulous distance, and powdering the southern and central districts with layers of sand, some of which even reached the Faroes—I felt that I had uncourteously underrated its powers, and to its moderation alone shourd I be indebted for my return. Not so the farmer, who shook his head at my scoffings, for he had lost both property and ancestors in its unceremonious outbreaks. Obliged to return by the way we had entered—the other sides of the crater being too precipitous—we traversed the steep narrow ledge of its northern side. Our position was anything but re

One could not fail to enjoy the magnificent and extensive view encircling this vitreous volcano, and which never shone to greater advantage than to-day, when a light north wind had carried the mountain-mists to sea, and a brilliant sun warmed peak and valley, and even imparted a genial aspect to those distant yökuls which the clearness of the atmosphere had transported to my feet. Away in the north-west the massive column of my old friend The Geyser seemed to bid farewell as it modestly rose in spotless white against the neutral-tinted slags of Bjarnarfell. In the int-rior of the island, of which we saw more than half way across, Lang and Hofs Yökuls' icy blue domes glittered in the sunshine, and backed the verdant valley of the Thiorsá, with its hundred silvery tributaries leading up the gorge into the "Sprengisandr," where the be could not fail to enjoy the magnificent and extensive view encircling

track crosses the desert to the northern coasts. Here and there patches of Iceland "forest" darkened the valley, and irregular groups of heather-blooming hills were conspicuous in their hariequin colours, whilst the resolute-looking Bla'ell rose abruptly from the plain to the height of 2500 feet, and marked the confluence of the Huita with the lake that gives it birth. To the north-east, beyond that vast chain of lakes (Fiskivötn), is Skaptar Yökul, the most terrible of its contemporaries—that is, in the memory of man—scowling over its ravages, where in one gigantic effort it destroyed twenty villages, over 9000 human beings, and about 150,000 sheep, cattle, and horses—partly by the depredations of the lava and noxious vapours, and in part by famine, caused by showers of ashes and the desertion of the coasts by the fish. Beyond those interminable ice regions are the untrodden Vatna and Klofa Yökuls, which never have been, and I believe never can be, penetrated by man. Here, Alpine Club, is a field worthy of your ambition; but which will sorely try your metal, when, beyond the help of Coutets and Balmâts, you must trust solely to your individual nerve and cunning.

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not be slow to take up.

The sketches of Icelandic life and manners which Commander Forbes introduces into his narrative are very agreeable. Here, for example, is a strange and not unamusing sketch of northern hospitality after the Iceland fashion. The traveller had arrived at the home of the chief resident of an outlying place in Iceland, whither he had been specially recommended. Here he was attended by the daughters of his host, three very pleasant young ladies, upon whom he bestows the very suggestive names of Lively, Blithespeech, and Chettsphere. and Chatterbox:

Lively, the eldest daughter, soon entered to exercise her prerogative of putting the stranger to bed, and, I am bound to say, she peeled me with a rapidity and dexterity somewhat astounding. My host now gave me his blessing and departed. Feeling somewhat abashed and embarrassed at my unprotected state, I blew out the light and slipped into bed, not knowing what other ordeal might be entailed upon me. The ladies then retired; but, as I was on the point of dozing off, I became aware of the presence of these angels by their whisperings, and recognised the voices of Blithespeech and Chatterbox, who, apparently doubtful of my locality, satisfied themselves tangibly, and retired.

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Having broken my shins over a three-legged stool in a futile attempt to fasten the door and prevent further intrusion, I composed myself once more; but Blithespeech soon appeared lamp in hand, followed by her sisters, respectively armed with a bowl of milk and a bottle of brandy: the former was deposited by my bedside; Lively thrust the latter under my pillow, and, bestowing a most unsentimental kiss, departed.

In Iceland, however, the ladies enjoy privileges not commonly enjoyed by the sex in other parts of the world:

Gentlemen sometimes exchanged estate, live stock, and wife. If the latter disapproved of the proceeding, the law courts were available, and, as the statutes were all in favour of the ladies, they never failed to have their own way. Their property being, in all cases, secured to them, they often obtained a divorce on very trifling grounds—such as convicting their husband of wearing a shift, or any article of female apparel; in fact, the wife had only to tell her husband that they had ceased to be man and wife, and the marriage was dissolved. The ladies then usually turned a trifle gay, set up hostelries on their own account, where they entertained their friends gratis, until one more favoured than the rest was accepted as a husband.

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Women were further protected by the most stringent anti-kissing laws: any one kissing anybody, with or without the lady's consent, save his own lawful wife, was liable to a fine of 144 eils of wadmal per kiss—enough, as M. Mallet quaintly remarks, to furnish a ship's company with monkey-jackets. The love-ditties of amorous or broken-hearted swains might likewise be prosecuted, and the perpetrators severely fined for the benedit of the hard-hearted young lady; but, for the honour of the Icelandic fair sex, let it be recorded that this was not often resorted to. And when it is added that no man was permitted to take unto himself a wife unless he was possessed of a certain amount of property—viz., 720 ells of wadmal, or its equivalent—and the ladies were permitted to ride astride, not even a Bloomer could complain of their condition.

Altogether we may pronounce Commander Forbes's account of Iceland one of the most agreeable books of travel which the season has produced.

POETRY.

A Garland of Christmas Carols, Ancient and Modern. some never before given in any collection. Edited, with Notes, by Joshua Sylvester. London: John Camden Hotten. 1861. pp.

T REQUIRES a certain amount of kindly stoicism to endure patiently, much more to feel pleased with, some unmusical fellow-creature howling out "The Mistletoe Bough" or "Under the old Oak Tree" beneath your bedroom window at 1 a.m. Our street singers in London seem almost universally of late years to have discarded the true Christmas Carol; and the two songs just mentioned (one at least of which is utterly inappropriate to the present season) may be taken as very favourable specimens of what we have in its place. It is to the country mansion or village, where old customs and traditions still linger, that we must go if we want to hear " God rest traditions still linger, that we must go if we want to hear "God rest ye, merry gentlemen," or "Christmas day in the morning" sung as it should be sung by young and merry voices. Yer, even in these remote country nooks, the custom of carolsinging seems gradually falling into decadence, and the singers' stock of songs is becoming yearly more meagre. Nevertheless, though things are not as they used to be, Mr. Sylvester is mistaken in saying that the custom of bringing in the Boar's Head to the Common Room of Queen's College, Oxford, is discontinued. Nor has the head in question ever degenerated into one of wood, as Mr. Sylvester supposes, otherwise it would not have been carvet and Sylvester supposes, otherwise it would not have been carved and eaten so heartily as it was on Christmas Day by the heads of Queen's

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College, Oxford, and their many guests. Now that "the old order" isso quickly changing, that the old carols are giving place to wordy street songs—although the juicy luscious boar's head has not yet been transmuted first into wood, and then into nothingness—we doubly welcome the pleasant little volume which Mr. Sylvester has presented to us at this season. We welcome, too, the industry which has led this writer to collate the various versions of carols which exist either in out-of-the-way volumes, tattered broadsheets, or the memories of those who in the course of nature are soon about to go from among us. This collation the editor has made with no less taste than industry; and his explanatory notes contain just the amount of information required as to the origin and date of each

Although it is probably true, as we are told that "the oldest religious Although its probably true, as we are told that "the oldest rengious hymns in the centuries immediately following Christ's death have not been handed down to us," nevertheless many hymns of a later date might reasonably be included among our English. We have read some beautiful translations from the Greek of Synesius, Bishop of Ptolemais, which are inferior to very few of the Christmas hymns which we possess in English. The most ancient carols that we now possess date no farther back than the Middle Ages, and are chiefly extracts from miracle plays and old religious legends. Carols, too, have had their ups and downs with the various phases of the politics of our country. They flourished, as we learn from Mr. Sylvester, from the time of Henry VIII. to the early years of the reign of Charles I. Under the Puritanical régime, an Act was passed "that no observation shall be had of the 25th day of December, commonly called Christmas Day," and so carols fell into disuse. At the Restoration they again became popular; but those composed in the loose roystering days of Charles II. are remarkable neither for poetry nor religious feeling. The reaction which set in against carols in the days of the Puritans has never been altogether overcome; and to the present day they have been waning, frowned upon, or merely tolerated, by the great mass of people, and cherished by those who love such traditions and customs of our ancestors as are poetical, innocent, and attractive. Some of the carols given by Mr. Sylvester have now for the first time made their appearance in a collected form. We might admit with the editor that not a few of the carols in these pages, considered as poetry, are but indifferent; nevertheless their quaint simplicity and sweetness, and the earnest religious feeling which runs throughout them, will not fail to attract the reader.

We might amuse ourselves, did our space allow, with noting where later poets seem to have borrowed from the Carolists. present only notice that Robert Southwell's ditty,

An orient pearl is often found In depth of dirty mire,

has, in all probability, been expanded by Gray, a devourer of all kinds of books, into these two magnificent lines :

Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear.

The following carol is now for the first time published in a collection, and will probably be new to most of our readers. Its burden is, of course, the old idea that a guardian angel watched over each bed, and sometimes revealed himself to the sleeper:

Last night as I lay sleeping, Lass night as I my steeping,
When ail my prayers were said,
With my gnaroian angel keeping
His watch above my head;
I heard his sweet voice caroling,
Full softly on my ear,
A song for Christian boys to sing,
For Christian men to hear.

"Thy body be at rest, dear boy,
Thy soul be free from sn;
I'll shield thee from the world's annoy,
And breathe pure words within.
The holy Christmas tide is nigh,
The season of Christ's birth:
Glory be to God on high,
And peace to men on earth.

"Myself and all the heavenly host Were keeping watch of old. And saw the shephere's at their posts, And all their sheep in fold.

Then told we with a Joyful cry, The tidings of Christ's birth; Glory be to God on high, And peace to men on earth.

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"He bowed to all his father's will,
And meck he was and lowly;
And year by year his thoughts were still
Most innocent and holy.
He did not come to strive or cry,
But ever from his birth,
Gave glory unto God on high,
And peace to men on earth.

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"Like him be true, like him be pure,
Like him be full of love;
Seek not thine own, and so secure
Thine own that is above.
And still when Caristmas tide draws nigh,
Sing thou of Jesus' birth:
Glory be to God on hi.h,
And peace to men on earth."

The following carol, of which we give the first half, is the earliest known to have been written in our island, according to Mr. Sylvester. It is supposed to belong to the thirteenth century. Of course the diction has been modernised in the present version :

Lordlings, listen to our lay— We have come from far away To seek Claristmas; In this manson we are told He his yearly feast doth hold: 'Tis to-day!' May joy come from God above, To all those who Christmas love! Lordlings, I now tell you true, Christmas bringeth unto you Only mirth; His house he fills with many a dish

To grace the day.

May joy come from God above,
To all those who Christmas love! To all those who Christmas love:

Lordlings, through our army's band
They say—who spenis with open hand
Free and fast,
And of regales his many friends,
God gives him double what he spends,
To grace the day.
May joy come from God above,
To all those who Christmas love!

Of bread and meat and also fish.

The following carol is probably a monkish legend versified, and very possibly is as ancient as the time of Henry VIII. or Elizabeth. Though rather long, we extract it for the sake of its poetry and delightful ballad quaintness. It is a very pleasing specimen of the monkish legends which were once so popular with our forefitteers. forefathers:

As it fell out one May morning, And on a bright holiday, Sweet Jesus a-ked of his dear mother, If he might go to play.

"To play, to play, sweet Jesus shall go,

And to play, to play, sweet Jesus shall go,
And to play now get you gone,
And let me hear of no complaint,
At night when you come home."

Sweet Jesus went down to yonder town,
As far as the Holy Well,
And there did see as fine children
As any tongue can tell.

He said, "God bless you every one, May Christ your portion be; Little children, shall I play with you? And you shall play with me."

But they made answer to him, "No," They were lords' and ladies' sons; And he, the meanest of them all, Was born in an ox's stall.

Sweet Jesus turned him around, And he neither laugh'd nor smil'd, But the tears came trickling from his eyes Like water from the skies.

Sweet Jesus turned him about, other's dear home went he, And said, "I have been in yonder town, As after you may see.

"I have been in yonder town, As far as the Holy Well; There did I meet as fine children As any tongue can tell.

"I bid God bless them every one, And Christ their bodies see; Little children, shall I play with you? And you shall play with me.

"But then they answered me, 'No,' They were lords' and ladies' sons; And I, the meanest of them all, Was born in an ox's stall."

"Though you are but a maiden's child, Born in an ox's stall, Thou art the Christ, the King of heaven, And the Saviour of them all.

"Sweet Jesus, go down to yonder town, As far as the Holy Well, And take away those sinful souls, And dip them deep in hell."

"Nay, nay," sweet Jesus mildly said,
"Nay, nay, that must not be,
For there are too many sinful souls
Crying out for the help of me."

Readers who love the memory of that which is gentle and innocent in the past, linked occasionally to snatches of true poetry, will heartily welcome this seasonable little volume.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Comments in Refutation of Pretensions advanced for the first time, and Statements in a recent work, "The Stirlings of Keir and their Family Papers," with an Exposition of the Right of the Stirlings of Drumpellier to the Representation of the ancient Stirlings of Cadder. By John Riddle, Esq., Advocate. Printed for private circulation by Blackwood and Sons, Edinbugh.

N OUR NOTICE of "The Stirlings of Keir and their Family Papers," a volume privately printed at the expense of Mr. William Stirling, M.P., the accomplished author of "The Cloister Life of Charles V." and of "The Artists of Spain," we hinted that Life of Charles V." and of "The Artists of Spain," we hinted that there was another Stirling, who would in all probability take exception against the claim set up by Mr. Stirling of Keir to be regarded as vesting in his person the representation of the ancient Stirlings of Cadder. It is this other Stirling, namely Mr. Walter Stirling, of Drumpellier, in the county of Lanark, who, in the volume before us, likewise privately printed, steps forward to rebuke the assumption of the Keir branch, while he also included the castificial beautiful to the control of the Keir branch, while he also make the castificial beautiful to the control of the Keir branch, while he also make the castificial beautiful to the castification of the control of the castification of t the Keir branch, while he claims the gentilitial honours, involving also the chieftaincy of the name and family, for the Stirlings of Drumand the cherality of the name and lamity, for the Sarrings of Drum-pellier. Should any of our readers smile at such a contest, entered upon with all the ardour of youth by a gentleman who has numbered his fourscore years, it will only prove that they little know the jealousy with which the Scottish landed gentry guard the honours of their pedigree against any one that attempts to impugn them. Theirs is not the maxim,

Nam genus et proavos et quæ non fecimus ipsi, Vix ea nostra voco.

On the contrary, somehow, the feeling of ancestral pride, both in Highland and Lowland, is born with them all, grows with their growth, strengthens with their strength, and expires only with their last breath. Call it a weakness, if you will, it was nevertheless such as a Walter Scott could sympathise with; nay, even did he not himself partake of it—all the rich legacy of his works unmistakably showing how largely we are indebted to his genealogical studies?

But indeed the time has gone by for either smiling or sneering at the pursuits of the genealogist, always, of course, presuming that

the pursuits of the genealogist, always, of course, such pursuits are carried on in accordance with the dictates of common sense, and are directed towards proper objects; distinguishing between a Courtenay or a Howard and a Christophero Sly, however much the latter may appeal to the chronicles in proof that his tamily "came in with Richard Conqueror." For ourselves, as students of history, and knowing how much light has been shed upon our favourite study by the kindred labours of the genealogist, we only wish that we had more such books as "The Stirlings of Keir," and more such writers as Mr. Riddle to correct errors and supply deficiencies in the account of a family so widely connected as were the Stirlings, and so intimately mixed up with numerous historical events

during several centuries. Drug pellier is fortunate in having found so able a champion and exponent of his claims as Mr. Riddle; f rtunate, indeed, every way, for Mr. Riddle was not only an old friend of his family, but the who, in his legal capacity, more than forty years ago conducted a suit at law on behalf of Mr. Andrew Stirling, the then Drumpellier, "to have him served heir to Robert Stirling, the first of Lettyr, who died in the year 1537; and also, if possible, to Andrew Stirling, father of the heiress (Janet) and last of Cadder, who died about the year 1520, and to whom there is every reason to believe that Robert was, if not brother, at all events the nearest relative and rightful heir." This claim was not intended in any way to interfere with the possession of the Cadder estates by the Stirlings of Keir, held by the latter for nearly three centuries, although such possession was originally attained in a most unrighteous manner by coercion and ill-treatment of the illfated heiress, and by other cunningly devised machinations of Sir John Stirling of Keir, in the former half of the sixteenth century. Th account given of the chequered life of this unfortunate lady is romanti in the extreme; so much so indeed that we hear the Great Wizard of the North himsels, at one time, intended to have made it the subject of

one of his powerful romances.

Janet Stirling, of whom only a very meagre notice is given in "The Stirlings of Keir," was the last surviving representative in a direct line of the Stirlings of Cadder, being the daughter and sole child of Andrew Stirling, who died previously to the year 1522. By an alteration of the more ancient investitures from heirs male to heirs general, this child became Andrew Stirling's heiress and successor in the Cadder property. How she was treated by Sir John Stirling is thus described:

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The grant of her ward and marriage was purchased from the different superiors by Sir John Stirling of Keir, who strained every point to acquire the donatibn. In the character of her wardator he treated her with the utmost rigour, detaining her in the closest captivity; and freely, as if he had been proprietor, disposed of portions of her estates. He next caused a pretended marriage, which was afterwards found nuil from the beginning, and dissolved by the delegates of the official of St. Andrews, to be celebrated between her and his son James. And though she solemnly protested against this latter proceeding and the whole of his unwarrantable conduct, yet, whether from the turbulence of the period or from other causes, she never could obtain the smallest effectual redress. Finally, after a struggle and revoking a conveyance to the same effect, she was induced to resign her heritage in favour of her pretended husband by an instrument of resignation, dated the 10th of December 1541.

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From that time to the present the Cadder property has remained in the possession of the Stirlings of Keir, and a very fine property,

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At the time, however, that Janet Stirling executed this deed, she expressly declared, in the presence and hearing of the Lords of Council expressly declared, in the presence and hearing of the Lords of Council and Session, that a portion of the heritage had been reserved for "the bairns of umquhile Robert Striveling quhilkis are immediatlie to succeed to me, falzeing of aires of my awin body," such portion amounting to the yearly rent of eighty marks, no small sum in those days. The lawsuit instituted by Andrew Stirling of Drumpellier, in 1818, nearly three hundred years afterwards, was intended to show "that this umquhile Robert Striveling and his bairns were no other than his male ancestor, Robert Stirling of Bankeyr, or of Lettyr, and his children, John and William; and consequently that these individuals were the immediate heirs of the heiress of Cadder, failing issue of her were the immediate heirs of the heiress of Cadder, failing issue of her own body.

Of Janet Stirling we are informed that soon after the surrender of her heritage, as just stated, she married with Thomas Bischop, upon whose status in society much discredit is thrown in the "Keir performance," principally upon the authority of these doggrel lines:

First she was Lady Cawder, Syne she was Lady Keir, And syne she was Tam Bischop's wife Wha clippit with the sheir.

Mr. Riddle shows very satisfactorily that there is no evidence whatever of Thomas Bischop having been a tailor, and still less of his having been a servitor or servand in the Keir family, if by such terms we are to imply that he was a domestic or menial servant of the Keirs. That his father Robert may have been a tailor or cloth merchant is readily admitted; but such an occupation was not looked upon in Edinburgh, at least at the time mentioned, as by any means degrading, many younger sons of good families being engaged in mercantile pursuits. "Division of labour or occupation was little practised at the time or for long afterwards, so that merchant burgesses then dealt in everything, 'from a needle to a sheet-anchor,' inter alia professing to be cloth-merchants and tailors, which, in fact, was no degradation." Thomas Bischop, however, was brought up a "Notar Public," in which capacity there is no doubt that he may have been a servitor of the Stirlings of Keir, which is very far from the idea intended to be conveyed that he was a menial or domestic. Being a needy man, however, it was perhaps made worth his while to marry Janet Stirling, although despoiled of the Cadder property, and we next hear of him as having attained the the Cadder property, and we next hear of him as having attained the position of secretary to the Earl of Lennox, father of the unfortunate Henry Lord Darnley. The Earl being at the time Regent of Scotland, Bischop was employed by him in negotiating affairs of State, many of which were of a difficult and delicate character. One of these was an alliance, concluded in May 1544, between the Earls of Lennox and Glencarne and the English Court against the Earl of Arran, the head of the Hamiltons, with whom Lennox was at feud, and the celebrated Cardinal Beatoun. Another was the promotion of a marriage between Lennox himself and the Lady Margaret Douglas, niece of the English King. Another was a treaty confirmatory of that first mentioned, in which Bischop's name also appears as one of the commissioners. Furthermore, not long afterwards, when Lennox obtained special letters of indigenation, or also appears as one of the commissioners. Furthermore, not long afterwards, when Lennox obtained special letters of indigenation, or naturalisation, by which he became a free English denizen, as if born in England, the same favour was extended to Bischop, who in the instrument named is styled Armiger or squire, a term not lightly used in those days. Bischop thus became in a manner identified with English interests, and, having taken a part personally in Lennox's expedition against the West of Scotland in 1544, was "honoured and even embraced by Henry VIII., that haughtiest of monarchs, in presence of his whole council in France, after formally reporting to him even emoraced by Henry VIII., that haughtiest of monarchs, in presence of his whole council in France, after formally reporting to him the details "Miss Strickland, with whom Bischop is no favourite, mentions this fact particularly in her "Lives of the Queens of Scotland," quoting his own words: "I was embraced in the King's Majestie's armes before his whole Privy Council in his Privy Chamber." These facts, we think, sufficiently refute the idea intended to be conveyed in the "Keir performance" that Bischop was of low Origin and a menial station. origin and a menial station.

Of Janet Stirling, after her marriage with Bischop, we hear very little, except that she resided for some time with her husband in England, certainly as late as October 1551, when a letter under the privy seal of Queen Mary speaks of all her goods, &c., being escheated because she was in England, remaining "wyt ye said Thomas her spous, rebell and traitour, &c., helping and supporting At what time Janet died does not appear; but, as she continued faithful and attached to her husband, there appears to be no reasonable ground for the charge made against him of having subjected her to any ill-treatment. Bischop's subsequent career lay far more in England, and in its highest society, than in Scotland, "being more in England, and in its highest society, than in Scotland, "being involved in a whirlwind of plots and intrigues, public and domestic, but not altogether for bad purposes." To his patron Lennox he was always sincerely attached, and did all in his power to keep him Protestant, while the Lady Margaret used her endeavours on the opposite side, so that there was no love lost between Bischop and her. But what is most curious, and speaks highly for Bischop's diplomatic address and talents, is that he actually enjoyed a pension from the bigoted Queen Mary of England, and, although a heretic in her eyes, had more weight with her than the Lady Margaret herself. Moreover, as if to show that Bischop, notwithstanding his numerous intrigues, was still a true Scotchman at heart, he did all in his power, after the murder of Darnley, to dissuade the Queen from marrying Bothwell. Finally, we learn of him that he became a strenuous partisan of his native sovereign during her various misfortunes, down to the time of her death: "soon after which, being then advanced in years, he returned to his native country under the protection of a remission from her son James VI., in which honourable mention is made of his faithful services to his deceased sovereign.

We have been thus particular in noticing Bischop's career as that of a very extraordinary man, whose memory has been much tarnished in the work to which Mr. Riddle's constitutes a full reply. Various other persons of mark and note also thit before us in the course of Mr Ridddle's work, as mixed up with the fortunes and misfortunes of the House of Stirling. But we must here draw bridle; mentioning only in conclusion what was the tragic end of Sir John Stirling of Keir, the persecutor and robber of the unfortunate heiress of Cadder. This progenitor of the Keir family, who was always endeavouring to possess himself of the property of his neighbours, had acquired a right over the estate of Buchanan, the Laird of Lenny; but Buchanan holding possession by force of arms, one Shaw of Cambusmore was instigated by the Keir either to apprehend or kill Lenny. The latter was held by Shaw to be the more practicable, and he carried his purpose into effect by stabbing Lenny in the back while they were both out a-hunting. Keir upon this obtained possession of the Lenny estate, but did not long enjoy it; for Shaw, in a fit of compunction, we are told, after meeting Lenny's widow and children upon a time in a condition of abject distress, and being upbraided by the lady with the murder of her husband, "was possesset with such horrour of the fact, and detestation of Keir his influence, as put him upon the resolution of expiating Lenny's murder by that of Keir "-a resolution which he soon afterwards carried out upon the person of Keir, "as he met him occasionally near Stirling." What a subject would this also have been for a romance from the pen of Sir Walter Scott!

Nephalism the True Temperance. By James Miller, F.R.S.E. Glasgow: Scottish Temperance League. pp. 213.

TEPHALISM MEANS RECHABISM, or total abstinence from PHALISM MEANS RECHABISM, or total abstinence from wine; and Professor Miller is the modern Jonadab. We felt it our duty to relieve at once all anxiety about the hard word, knowing ourselves, from frequent experience, how exasperating it is to be met at the outset with a sciolistic-looking derivative from the Greek. For it has been found so profitable in the case of shirts, breeches, coats, and waistcoats to designate them by some unintelligible term misadapted from the classical languages, that even book-makers have designed to invitate the transpresentations and wrap up a very commonstance of the common terms of the common terms of the classical languages and wrap up a very commonstance of the common terms of the common terms of the classical languages and wrap up a very commonstance. deigned to imitate the trousers-makers and wrap up a very commonplace word in a disguise, borrowed—sometimes, as in the present instance, correctly—from the ancient tongues. And Messrs. Publishers and Co., and Mr. Circulating Library, will bear witness to the advan-tage of this practice. Shakespeare was undoubtedly a "eleyver" man, but he fell into the error of supposing that there was nothing in a name: modern writers know better, and wisely depend for success, not so much upon the matter as the titles of their works.

Professor Miller feels called upon to define the term Nephalism, not

refersor where reason that not one person out of ten will know what on earth is the meaning of it, but because he proposes "to advocate Nephalism on grounds scriptural, philosophical, and experimental." In strict conformity, therefore, with his peculiar views of things in general, he proceeds to derive the word after this fashion:

1. **Total Conformity** the conformity** the word after this fashion: or strong drink; ***ποραλισμός, the condition of being without wine or strong drink; thereby omitting the necessary link ***ποραλίζω, without which his favourite Nephalism would be a creation of his own unobfuscated intellect. However, it is not so much the derivation as the practice of Nephalism that we object to. We consider total abstinence an enormity almost as great as celibacy—one leads to drunkenness, the other to fornication. It is the duty of a man to drink a glass of good wine if he can get it, and it is his duty to marry a pretty woman if she will have him. Of course, if he cannot afford either, he must abstain; but Professor Miller would have everybody eschew wine on principle. The man

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who takes his two glasses of sherry at dinner is, in the Professor's estimation, on the high road to destruction. So unfortunate, apparently, has the Professor been in his acquaintance, that few of them, when once they had tasted a "dhrop of the cratur," could stop this side of intoxication. He tells us of a clergyman who, having a great deal of hard work to do, found that he must either stop or take a stimulant. Professor Miller wished he had stopped; but he ought to know that it is not quite so easy to stop in this world as soon as you are overworked. So the other alternative was adopted, and the reverend gentleman committed the heinous offence of drinking some bitter beer. The Professor says "he took bitter beer, and went on." How far he went does not appear; whether he "went on" to a gallon or so a day, we cannot certify; but at last beer was of no avail: then he took wine, and we suppose "went on" to some purpose; for wine "too failed him;" and then brandy was his restorative; not with meals only, but, from time to time, throughout the day, according as the exigencies of his case seemed to require; and such were those exigencies, that "at length he awoke to find the terrible reality of his fate—he was a drunhard!" Now, can anything be more ridiculous than an argument of this kind? Can "the exigencies" of a man's business ever be so great as that he should be obliged to enter upon them reeling drunk? And if he merely take so much as to give him strength for the performance of duties which he cannot relinquish, is he in any respect more worthy of the name of drunkard than if he swallowed, to less purpose, ten times the quantity of quinine? The men who take a little stimulant because they cannot otherwise perform what is required of them, depend upon it, are never drunkards. sot doesn't work if he can help it; and we cannot but think that "the clergyman from the south" took rather too extended a view of his "exigencies." Then we have a story of a young gentleman (?)—the note of interrogation is the professor's—"fair to look upon," who robbed his ister of her pocket-money, stole twopence from the cook "to buy his driblet of brandy," and then lied vehemently in denial of "both meannesses;" and we are expected, in consequence of this isolated instance of precocious blackguardism, to prohibit the world from enjoying their cakes and ale, and to come forward one and all, in sackcloth and ashes, and receive the pledge from the Scottish Temperance Society. Mr. Bumble is authority for calling an aggregate body of persons "a ass;" and we really think it would be not too harsh a term to apply to a society which expects, and a collection of individuals who consent to, so very preposterous a proceeding. Because there are one or two thousand incontinent brethren, all Christendom forsooth is to forego a luxury! Forbid it Bacchus; forbid it dom for sooth is to forego a luxury! Forbid i Ceres; without whom even Venus herself is cold.

Moreover, Coleridge and his opium-eating are once more, stale as they have become, served up to us by the Professor; but they are surely bugbears to frighten only children. Coleridge could have rescued himself from the adamantine chains in which he professed to have been bound, had he been a man of more strength of will than he was, and had he not found that it suited his indolent nature and subtle intellect better to indulge in his pernicious habit, and then complain cloquently and argue admirably, than to shake off his lethargy and become a common working-man. We have ourselves known men who have commenced opium-eating, and have given it up, so soon as they were called upon for the active exercise of their powers, without any very great difficulty. Besides, no one will seriously maintain that there is any analogy between the use of alcohol for cheering and invigorating purposes and the abuse of opium for the sake of a spurious mental exhilaration and a drowsy luxuriousness.

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That alcohol is a luxury we are not at all disposed to deny; on the contrary, we acknowledge it with a spirit of thankfulness. And we congratulate ourselves that it is, in some shape, within the reach of all classes. Nor, whilst we deeply deplore the fact that there are many who cannot, by reason of their weakness, take that benefit from it which Infinite Goodness undoubtedly intended, are we disposed so far to humour that weakness as to submit to the degradation of binding ourselves by a solemn oath or pledge that we will not reduce ourselves to the condition of beasts. "Apirtor pittor was the saying of a wise man, and we see no reason for doubting its truth even in the case of alcohol. Ne quid nimis is not a bad adage, but some men nowadays would substitute absurdly ne quid omnino. It may be that a Very Rev. Dean has taken so much port wine that his liver gets out of order, and his medical man advises total abstinence; forthwith the pulpit resounds with denunciations of alcoholic drinks and laudations of temperance societies. A member of Parliament has tried a cigar for the first time, and has made himself frightfully ill; at once the public halls re-echo with interdictions of tobacco. Her Majesty's Surgeon in Ordinary for Scotland has been shocked by the fatal effects of intemperance, and Her Majesty's leges in consequence are to go without their grog. Whether the Scotch Jonadab endeavours to make converts of his royal patients does not transpire; we can only say there is no precedent for it; we do not find that, though Jehu's heart was with Jonadab's to some extent, Jonadab went so far as to propose to him the pledge. Professor Miller tells the following story:

Some forty or fifty years ago, a regiment of the line had an addition of three or four young men made to its list of officers. Having no private fortune, these ensigns soon discovered that they could not live at the common mess, and drick wine, without getting into debt; and that they must give up either the wine or the army. Fond of their profession, they resolved to abandon the former; and, having taken this resolution, they frankly communicated it to their brother officers. These, instead of despising them, caballing against them, and sending them "to Coventry," admired their manliness and courage; know-

ing well that young men who could face the sneer of friends, in the discharge of duty, would never blench from the front of a foe. And not only did they respect and commend—they resolved to support them. They agreed that on certain days of every week they should all abstain from vine, to keep the others company. And they were as good as their word. No matter the number or quality of the guests on these days, every man of those thirty officers sat at table with his glass turned down, drinking not one drop of wine; not because they did not like it—not a few, probably, liked it a little too well—but because they preferred a greater luxury—that of denying themselves on account of their younger and poorer brethren. Now if these British officers acted thus to save the pockets and feelings of their comrades, what should not we do in like manner, to save not merely the pockets and the feelings, but the character, the prospects, the lives, the souls of our fellow-men?

And he seems to be under the impression that it favours his cause in some way or other, though we cannot for the life of us see how. The officers who didn't drink wine at all abstained for the very commendable reason that they couldn't afford it, and the officers who abstained only on certain days did so for the very laudable purpose of showing that they appreciated their comrades' manly behaviour. The gentlemen who drank wine appear, in our humble opinion, to have acted in a manner which showed that the indulgence was not likely to interfere with either their character, prospects, lives, or souls; and yet it is the consumers of alcohol for whose sake we are to take the pledge. Besides, are the brewers, and distillers, and wine-merchants, and Bonifaces, not men and brethren? Have they no claim upon our Christian sympathy? They are as numerous, and surely as well worth consideration, as their worthy customers who can't leave off drinking so long as they have power to drink. Why should we ruin an innocent gentleman out of mistaken love for a drunken brute? We might as well abjure fruit because little Jones over-ate himself, brought on cholera, and died in his sins. Professor Miller would have all the world go into training: this would be all very well perhaps, if could be kept up; but the Professor must know that there is always the reaction, and that men who train debauch the most. And so it is reported to be with "pledged" men: they have been bottled up too tightly; and when they once break loose, knowing that their offence is the same whether they are moderate or immoderate, they give themselves over to utter recklessness. Besides, if we are to take the rule for our guidance, as Professor Miller hints, from the lines,

Qui studet optatam cursu contingere metam, Multa tulit, fecitque puer: sudavit, et alsit; Abstinuit venere, et vino-

see the dreadful condition to which we are reduced: we may neither drink wine, nor perform conjugal duties. Sir Cresswell Cresswell might as well retire into private life, and leave us to exclaim, "O, my poor country!

O thou wilt be a wilderness again, Peopled with wolves, thine old inhabitants."

When the Professor attempts to support his cause from Scripture his failure is lamentable. It will be sufficient just to state that whenever a passage occurs which seems opposed to his doctrines, he maintains that the wine alluded to was an "unfermented wine," which did not intoxicate. So that in the passage, "Behold a gluttonous man and a wine-bibber, a friend of publicans and sinners," we are modestly requested to suppose that the word "wine-bibber," though it is found in connection with other words which render its meaning unmistakable, contains no allusion to the drinking of intoxicating liquors. It is sheer waste of time to reason with persons who deal with the clear meaning of language in this disingenuous manner. It was a very different sort of wine, he would say, which was administered to Lot by his daughters upon a certain occasion; yet we are not aware that the same word is not used in each case: it certainly is in the Greek, and surely the translators would have taken pains to be correct in so important a matter.

It is but fair to state that the Professor allows and takes a little alcohol—pretty often, we hope—medicinally.

Histoire de la Littérature Française. Par J. Demogeot. Paris: Hachette.

THOUGH FRENCH PROPAGANDISM is so incessant, and though French influence is so vast, it is strange how few French books have gained universality of empire. What is best in the literatures of England, Germany, Italy, and Spain has become the common heritage of mankind. With the exception of "Gil Blas," there is scarcely a French book which has achieved the same victory; and perhaps "Gil Blas" owes its success more to its Spanish than to its French elements. The facility with which French as a language can be acquired may, in some measure, explain why French books, though often translated, can so seldom be acclimatised. But we must seek a deeper reason. In truth, French books, however brilliant, are rarely faithful to human nature, or to nature as a whole; and, in the excess of artistic embellishment, they lack sap and substance, robust and ruddy life. The matter in other literatures is the chief thing, and the manner comes as its appropriate dress. In French literature, the manner is so much the chief thing, that the matter is often dispensed with altogether. Nor ought the prosaic character of the French and their literature to be forgotten. Michelet—himself foremost as a prose writer—has said that French prose is unrivalled. Were this so, would not the excellence have been bought mainly by the sacrifice of poetry? Literature is eminently the culture of the ideal, but such only to the extent that it is poetical. As so signally unpoetical, French literature has neither been for France itself nor for other lands the culture of the ideal. That attraction, then, was absent

which has made Cervantes, Goethe and Schiller, and the four great poets of Italy, as much our own as Shakespeare. Nevertheless, though no individual French writer has ascended to catholic sway, there is no literature so well known or so generally studied as that of France. Because, though never approaching the loftiest regions, French literature always contrived to treat in the most agreeable form that which was most popular at the time. M. Demogeot says that France appropriated and transformed Italy in the sixteenth century, Spain in the seventeenth, England in the eighteenth, and Germany in the nine-teenth. This is true. What, however, has French literature all along but a series of such appropriations and transformations? has often been of notable service to the world. To take two recent Madame de Stael was not a profound thinker, and M. Cousin is far from being a great philosopher; yet who did more than Madame de Stael to unveil Germany? and who has given a more fruitful impulse than Cousin to the history of philosophy? France has a wonderful skill in discovering what has already been discovered; which skill we must not call by the disparaging name of plagiarism. An illustrious French writer questioned whether his countrymen had ever invented anything. There was surely some invention in the ability to do without invention, for the French, if the least inventive,

ability to do without invention, for the French, if the least inventive, are the most ingenious of nations.

Of the merits and demerits of French literature during its long career, M. Demogeot has in this volume given a tolerably fair estimate. An elegant, frequently eloquent writer, he, in solid sentences, communicates solid information. He does not strive to dazzle; he does not weary us by epigrammatic pungency. The history of French literature, from its origin down to our own day, has never been put into a shape at once as compandious and sainstructive. never been put into a shape at once so compendious and so instructive.

M. Demogeot's work is not merely a chronicle of French literature; it vividly and faithfully paints the growth of French civilisation. it vividly and faithfully paints the growth of French civilisation. The first part of the book is naturally the most interesting to general readers, for it relates to things with which they may be presumed to be the least acquainted. There are few cultivated persons to whom the chief French literary names during the last three hundred years are not familiar, but the period beyond is comparatively unknown. M. Demogeot disenthrals this period from the pedantries by which it has usually been surrounded, and compels it to live before us. Perhaps it is only a Frenchman, with his vivacity and lucidity, who can disentangle and classify the literary phenomena which the Middle Ages. disentangle and classify the literary phenomena which the Middle Ages and the ages immediately before them present, so as to render them intelligible. The misfortune is, that the classifications are apt to be arbitrary, and that the affair was not so simple, not so complete, as it looks in the Frenchman's pages. Yet in the long confusion which reigned from the downfall of Rome to the Reformation we must employ somewhat akin to French classification, or shrink absolutely from contact with the chaos. The problem, according to M. Demogeot, set before French literature, and which, evolving itself more and more from chaos, he thinks it has solved, is the reconciliation of the antique and the modern. To the solution, if solution there has been, others less prejudiced would apply a very different name. What offends us most in French literature is that false classicality which M. Demogeot deems its glory. It was one of Chatcaubriand's phrases, phrases the more its glory. It was one of Chatcaubriand's phrases, phrases the more easy to utter the more they are meaningless, that the French are Romans by genius and Greeks by character. Though these are words -empty words, and nothing more-still unquestionably the aspiring of French literature has been to mould itself after Greek and Roman Now this cannot be ascribed to the Romanic origin of the French language; precisely the same origin had the languages of Spain and Italy. Yet there are few traces of a false classicality in Italian literature, and none in Spanish. The rhetorical tendency of the French, which from the Roman conquest downward has so often been spoken of, is a sufficient explanation. It was by the eloquence of Greece and Rome that the French were first and last impressed. Their literature has from its rudest beginnings been a rhetorical literature. Yet this nation of rhetoricians has never produced an orator either in the Demosthenic or Ciceronian sense; for Bossuet is bombastic, and Mirabeau declaims, and if Massillon's style is perfect he himself is all the less an orator through that perfection. And indeed what but rhetoric can a nation of rhetoricians ever feel? The contest between Frenchmen and foreigners will always be with regard to the vaunted age of Louis XIV. Then, according to the French, their literature culminated—became, as no other modern literature has become, the equal of the ancient literatures, while manifesting grand features of its own. If Louis XIV. was the noblest of kings, a fulminating Jove, a gorgeous Apollo, then he had the noblest of writers round him. But if he was a meladramatic medicaria. if he was a melodramatic mediocrity, then the writers round him must shrink into melodramatic mediocrities too. There is only one man of real genius among the whole mob of pretendershow much Molière was dwarfed and deformed by pedantries! The literature of France during the reign of Louis XIV. was wholly a literature of the court. It was an homage offered to one of the vainest, most selfish of mortals. Literatures like our own are the expression and the food of the national life; hence their freshness, hence their infinite variety. Down to the end of the sixteenth century the national life in France continued also to have its literature untranged. national life in France contrived also to have its literary utterance. Rabelais and Montaigne, though not free from French rhetoric, obeyed both their own individuality and a national instinct. But even in much less ambitious literary shapes the national soul had been able to make itself heard. The French, however, while a rhetorical people, are, as all the world knows, a theatrical people. Now for the

French theatrical amusements, splendid shows of some kind, have taken the place of literature. In the broadest, most opulent significance thereof, literature is only for nations that are prone to commune with Nature and with their own thoughts. Literature is first the breath of joy, to be afterwards a balm for sorrow; but give the Frenchman an entertaining spectacle, and he is satisfied; allow him to have a part in the getting up of the spectacle, and his delight is unbounded. We do not dwell on this as a defect; we quarrel not with the French for not marching in the path which we deem the best; simply for a national peculiarity are we seeking to account. And if a gifted French author like De Tocqueville said of his countrymen that they excel in nothing except war, surely we may be allowed to say something equally true and not more severe. The French, besides something equally true and not more severe. The French, besides their rhetorical talent and their theatrical talent, have narrative talent. In the Middle Ages they were Europe's chroniclers and story-tellers. Are they not still so? But none of these-three leading talents is favourable to literature in its organic power, in its divine majesty. They are all fragmentary, and they are all superficial. Because in our lighter moods we do not refuse to taste the banquet which the rhetorical, the theatrieal, and they are the transfer of the Franch offer us the Franch conclude that the narrative talents of the French offer us, the French conclude that we accept the banquet as a feast fit for the gods; but in our lighter moods we are glad to throw criticism altogether aside. It is doubtful whether French literature has ever been really interesting, except from its revolutionary and iconoclastic character. Frenchmen was Voltaire, whose life was one long controversy. As much as the sword or the bayonet, the French language is a weapon Calm creation is, with a language so aggressive, impossible. of war. Calm creation is, with a language so aggressive, impossible. And it would be juster to ask the French what they have created than what they have invented. A literature and a language too may be cosmopolitan without being catholic. Now French literature is the great preacher of abstract principles, and thus it has been cosmopolitan; but it has been cosmopolitan likewise as the fierce cry of the turbulent French nature. The two most earnest French writers of recent days, Lamennais and Joseph de Maistre, were great solely through their controversial fervour. If French literature is not the same contagious, conquering force which it was during and immediately before the first French Revolution, it is through its abandonment of the Voltairean attitude. Strangely compounded of superstition and scenticism, the Revolution, it is through its abandonment of the Voltairean attitude. Strangely compounded of superstition and scepticism, the French are healthiest when attempting to conceal neither their scepticism nor their superstition. But the literary men of France at present have accepted the Voltairean traditions, yet affect the profoundest reverence for the things they most despise. We are far from maintaining that chronic scepticism is a desirable condition for a country: yet chronic scepticism is better than chronic hypocrisy. French critics, such as M. Demogeot, do not see that the two claims which they make for French literature cannot than chronic hypocrisy. French critics, such as M. Demogeot, do not see that the two claims which they make for French literature cannot both be admitted: it cannot be a perfect artist and a perfect missionary too. We admit that it is a perfect missionary, which is denying that it is a perfect artist, in the loftiest, most fruitful meaning of art. Perhaps the truest French writers are such as Diderot, who We admit that it is a perfect missionary, which is denying throw themselves headlong into the tumult, tight the battle of the present, and leave the future to take care of itself. One Diderot, at all events, is worth a score of Chateaubriands-men glittering all over with meretricious nothings. D'Alembert once ventured to oppose a current fashion, and to express his contempt for Buffon, who, instead of calling a horse a horse, says that the most beautiful conquest which man has ever made is that of this proud and impetuous animal. But not many Frenchmen have been able to imitate the courage of D'Alembert, and speak of the gaudy stylists, the Buffons, the Chateaubriands, and the rest, exactly as they deserve. However, it is not our intention at present to go into the whole important question of French literature. We have aimed rather to give a few hints likely to be useful to the readers of M. Demogeot's most admirable work, the main fault of which is that of being too patriotic.

A Lecture on the Revival of the Turkish or Ancient Roman Bath, delivered at the Groszenor-place School of Medicine. By T. Spencer Wells, F.R.C.S. (John Lane. pp. 16.)—This lecture would certainly have had greater value if its author had confined himself to that branch of the subject upon which he is most competent to bear witness, and upon which his evidence would have been of the greatest service—the effect of the Turkish Bath upon the human body in the various states of health and disease. The treatment of a vast number of diseases by the application Turkish Bath upon the human body in the various states of health and disease. The treatment of a vast number of diseases by the application of external dry heat is now occupying the serious attention of the profession (the name of Thermo-therapeia has already been given to it), and a practitioner of such experience as Mr. Spencer Wells could hardly have occupied the attention of a school of medicine too long in giving them the result of his investigations. Unfortunately, however, he has consumed a great deal of valuable space in describing the old Roman bath, and in dilating upon the ingenuity with which a private gentleman, "a Fellow of the Royal Society," has converted a back room into a bath, where Mr. Wells has had the pleasure of spending an hour or two "in company with certain noble lords, distinguished members of the Church, the Senate, and the Bar. physicians, engineers, and even princes of the blood royal." What certain noble lords, distinguished members of the Church, the Senate, and the Bar, physicians, engineers, and even princes of the blood royal." What particular effect the Bath had upon those distinguished persons under the superintendence of the F.R.S. we do not learn; but Mr. Wells does tell us—and his evidence is useful—that within his own personal experience he has seen gout, chronic rheumatic arthritis, sciatica, prurigo senilis, and a number of other diseases, relieved and cured by the bath.

The British Constitution: its History, Structure, and Working. By Henry, Lord Brougham. (London and Glasgow; R. Griffin and Co. pp. 462.)

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This makes the eleventh volume of the Collected Edition of Lord Brougham's Works, published by Messrs. Griffin, under the noble author's superintendence. In a terse, dignified, but respectful address, the veteran lawyer, debater, and statesman dedicates this fruit of his ripe learning to the Queen, closing the expression of his dutiful respect with an acknow-ledgment of her Majesty's kindness in the recent extension of his peerto his collateral heirs.

age to his collateral heirs.

Holidays with Hobyoblius, and Talk of Strange Things. By DUDLEY COSTELLO. (London: J. C. Hotten. pp. 332.)—This is an exceedingly amusing book, though we are often at a loss to connect the contents with the title-page. Apparently Mr. Costello started with an intention of combating and destroying all the figments of superstition and credulity, from ghosts to spirit-rapping. If so, he certainly changed his mind very often as he went on, and introduced a quantity of matter very foreign to the subject of hobgoblins. In the stories of "Shaving a Ghost," "The Ghost of Pit Pond," and the essay on "Superstitions and Traditions," we are in the proper element, and in the last especially sundry wonderful miracles are explained in a very amusing manner. Take the following as a sample: as a sample:

The mention of almsgiving recals a somewhat ludicrous story of modern date, where a most inopportune miracle was wrought. The well-known French missionery, Father Bridaine, was always poor, for the simple reason that he gave away everything he had. One evening he asked for a night's lodging of the curate of a village through which he passed, and the worthy man having only one bed, shared it with him. At daybreak Father Bridaine arose, according to custom, and went to say his prayers at the neighbouring church. Returning from this sacred duty, he met a beggar, who asked an alms. "Alas, my friend, I have nothing!" said the good priest, mechanically putting his hand in his breeches pocket, where, to his astonishment, he found something hard wrapped up in paper, which he knew he had not left there. He hastily opened the paper, and seeing four crowns in it, cried out that it was a miracle! He gave the money to the beggar, and hastened into the church to return thanks to God. The curate soon after arrived there, and Father Bridaine related the miracle with the greatest unction; the curate turned pale, put his hand in his pocket, and in an instant perceived that Father Bridaine, in getting up in the dark, bad taken the wrong pair of breeches; he had performed a miracle with the curate's crowns!

The story of Tom Punder, "the Watcher of the Dead," and how he was The mention of almsgiving recals a somewhat ludicrous story of modern

The story of Tom Punder, "the Watcher of the Dead," and how he was outwitted by the ghostly impersonations of his daughter and Joe Talentyre, is very funny; but what the chapters on Gunpowder and Birds, or, still more, the essays on Crabs and Lobsters, have to do with the marvellous, we are quite at a loss to understand.

The Oyster; where, how, and when to find, breed, cook, and eat it. (Trübner and Co. pp. 96.) The author of this amusing little monogram upon that favourite mollusk, the oyster, is evidently an enthusiast upon his subject. If that very courageous person who ventured upon the first oyster had never appeared up to the present time, here is the man to have taken his never appeared up to the present time, here is the man to have taken his place. Cooked or raw, fried, stewed, escalloped, in sauce, in pasty, or in soup, the delicious bivalve comes never amiss to him, and though his collection of recipes for cooking the oyster might well have been larger and better chosen, he evidently has a very fair understanding of his subject. In the matter of the recipes there are two things especially to be corrected: oyster soup should be made with white veal stock, or with a fish stock, never with brown stock, as given here; and oyster sauce, to be in perfection, should be made after Ude's recipe—on a basis of real melted butter, i.e., two-thirds butter to one-third cream, thickened with a very little arrowroot. We quite agree with the author, however in a very little arrowroot. We quite agree with the author, however, in thinking that the oyster when unadorned is then adorned the most, thinking that the dyster when anatomic is the seaten an naturel, as he lies upon the under shell, plump, sweet, and alive, in his native iquor. True oyster eaters will appreciate the honest enthusiasm of the following picture:

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People generally, however, are somewhat indifferent about the manner of opening oysters, and the time of eating them after they are opened; yet nothing deserves more consideration at the hands of your true oyster-eater. The oyster should be eaten the moment it is opened, if eaten raw, with its own liquor in the under shell, as we have already stated on the very highest of all gastronomical authorities. It is well worth a little practice to learn to open the oyster oneself, for a bungling operator injures our little favourite, and baulks the expectant appetite by his unsightly incisions. I learnt the art years ago in one of the Midland counties, where Christmas-eve would scarce be Christmas-eve without an oyster supper. Let me sketch the scene. In the centre of the table, covered with a clean white cloth up to the top hoop, stands the barrel of oysters, a kindly remembrance from a friend, and the more kind because oysters are not found in fresh-water streams. Each gentleman at table finds an oyster-knife and a clean coarse towel by the side of his plate, and he is expected to open oysters for himself and the lady sented by his side, unless she is wise enough to open them for herself. By the side of every plate is the panis ostrearius, the ovster loaf made and baked purposely for the occasion, and all down the centre of the table, interspersed with vases of bright holly and evergreens, are plates filled with pats of butter, or lemons cut in half, and as many vinegar and pepper castors as the establishment can furnish. As the attendance of servants at such gatherings is usually dispensed with, bottled Bass or Guinness, or any equally unsophisticated pale ale or porter, is liberally provided; and where the means allow, light Continental wines, such as Chablis, Sauterne, Moussenx, Marsault, or Medoc, still Champagne, Moselle, or any light Khenish wine, and fading any of these Madeira or Sherry, are placed upon the table. In th

The Uncommercial Traveller. By Charles Dickens. (Chapman and Hall. pp. 264.)—The papers by the "Uncommercial Traveller," which have appeared during the past year in the pages of All the Year Round, are by many reckoned among the most charming productions of Mr. Dickens's pen. As regards some of them, we are quite of that opinion. Seldom has he so happily succeeded in hitting off the most grotesquely humorrous netures with a few slight teachers, present her best scheduler. humorous pictures with a few slight touches; never has he probed more deeply the pathetic depths of the human heart. Of the seventeen papers which make up this volume our favourite is decidedly the one headed "Shy Neighbourhoods." A rich vein of humour runs through this, which has

never been excelled in any other of Mr. Dickens's works. The sketches

of the disreputable donkey, of the country dog lost in town, of the dogs who keep men, and of the cockneyfied fowls, are inimitable.

Patience. By Perseverance. (E. C. Spurin. pp 28).—It is proverbial that even the ugliest women and the most insignificant pursuits have their admirers. Here is a gentleman who has devoted a considerable amount of pains, and certainly no small expense, to the elucidation of the game called Patience; and, much as we are disposed to laud his efforts, we are afraid that in this instance patience and perseverance must be their own reward. No less than twenty-eight different ways of playing this little-known game are here explained, and each is illustrated by chromo-lithographic drawings, in which the cards are very beautifully represented. The typography is in the very first style of the

art.

The Laboratory of Chemical Wonders: a Scientific Melange, intended for the Instruction and Entertainment of Young People. By G. W. Septimus Piesse. (Longmans. pp. 256.)—Mr. Piesse (whose chemical labours as a manufacturer of perfumes are already well known) has written this familiar note-book, or chemical Boy's-own-book, for the special behoof of young beginners in experimental philosophy. His notes are not very advanced, but his plan for arranging a home laboratory upon a simple plan is a very good one. There is a quiet self-complacency in the following passage, however, which is rather amusing:

To be able to execute an ultimate analysis, and thence to deduce, by calculation and analogy, some fundamental principle relating to the substance so analysed, requires a genius which only now and then sparkles among men—such as Davy, Liebig, Faraday, and Graham. The proximate analysers are geniuses of the second order in chemical fame; such men as Hassall, Bastick, Muspratt,

of the second order in chemical fame; such men as Hassail, Bastick, Muspratt, and Piesse.

The Sanitary Condition and Discipline of Indian Jails. By Joseph Ewart, M.D. (Smith, Elder, and Co. pp. 350.)—Dr. Ewart has already laboured in the sanitary field in connection with Indian matters. His volume on the "Vital Statistics of the European and Native Armies of India" is a most valuable one, and has not failed, we should hope, by this time to arrest the attention of those who in this country sway the destinies of the peninsula. The present volume is devoted to an examination of the sanitary condition of the Indian jails, and all the causes which interfere with the hygienic condition of such establishments are very fully

interfere with the hygienic condition of such establishments are very fully entered upon or discussed. As a text-book of jail management this volume will be of service not in India only.

Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation. Eleventh Edition. (John Churchill, pp. 286, lxiv.)—The recent controversy about the authorship of this celebrated book, and the impetus given to the development theory by the publication of Dr. Darwin's views, seems to have given quite a fillip to the popularity of "The Vestiges." The present edition is plentifully furnished with illustrations; and there is a copious appendix, replying to the late Hugh Miller, Professor Sedgwick, and other antagonistic reviewers.

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The Discovery and Geognosy of Gold Deposits in Australia. By Simpson Davison. (Longmans. pp. 484.)—The sole object of this lengthy volume on the gold discovery in Australia appears to be that Mr. Davison, and not Mr. Hargreaves, was the real discoverer, and that the latter reaped the reward which was justly due to the former. After a careful perusal of Mr. Davison's case, and of the numerous papers which he adduces in proof of it, including a vast number of letters which he published in the Australian papers, we can come to no other conclusion than that if Mr. Davison preceded Mr. Hargreaves in knowledge he made no use whatever of it. Mr. Davison appears, indeed, to be a gentleman of speculative disposition, who went to California with Mr. Hargreaves, and told his companion that there were tracts of country in Australia which so speculative or position, who were to Cambrida with Mr. Hargeaves, and told his companion that there were tracts of country in Australia which so closely resembled the gold-bearing districts of Western America that they closely resembled the gold-bearing districts of Western America that they also probably had gold. Upon this hint Mr. Hargreaves returned to Australia and discovered the gold. Mr. Davison did not accompany him, though he might very well have done so; but when he returned to Australia some time afterwards, and found Mr. Hargreaves enjoying the full credit for his discovery, he began to feel sore. What can be done with such a man? As a document containing a vast amount of information concerning the Australian gold fields the volume is both interesting and valuable.

Natural History Picture-book for Children: Mammalia. By the Rev. J. G. Wood, M.A. (Routledge. pp. 248.)—Without classing the Rev. J. G. Wood among the very first rank of naturalists, his descriptions are

J. G. Wood among the very first rank of naturalists, his descriptions are sufficiently reliable for those who have yet to acquire an elementary knowledge of natural history. This "Natural History Picture-book" is well designed to amuse and instruct the mind of a child: the illustrations are selected from those which have already appeared in "Routledge's Illustrated Natural History," also edited by the Rev. J. G. Wood. We have also received: A pamphlet on The Eastern Turkish Question. By Constantin G. Morniovich. (R. Hardwicke.)—The House of Lords Compared with the House of Commons. By Christopher Sly.—Introductory Address on Jurisprudence and the Amendment of the Law. By the Right Hon. James Moncrieff, M.P. (Edinburgh: A. and C. Black.) Delivered to the Association for the Promotion of Social Science, at Glasgow, Sept. 25, 1860.—The third Edition of Family Romance; or, Episodes in the Domestic Annals of the Aristocracy. By Sir Bernard Burke. (Hurst and Blackett.)

THE MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS.

THE Cornhill opens with the first three chapters of the new serial tale by its editor, "The Adventures of Philip on his Way through the World: showing who Robbed him, who Helped him, and who Passed him by." The Scriptural allusion in the title is kept up by the inscription at the bottom of the illustration, with a freedom that may possibly give offence to those who dislike to see the words of Holy Writ applied to profane uses. The illustration represents Philip in bed; his nurse, the "Little Sister," fainting on the flow; and Dr. Goodenough taking Philip's fother by the theory. the floor; and Dr. Goodenough taking Philip's father by the throat,

in act to call him a villain. The inscription is "What Nathan said to David." Of the adventures of Master Philip themselves nothing much can now be said. Mr. Thackeray usually takes a long time in laying the foundations of his edifices, and we have little h quantity of disjointed chat and preliminary matter, all which may or may not turn out of essential service to the narrative, as the case may may not turn out of essential service to the narrative, as the case may be. Most of the characters as yet introduced to the reader are old acquaintances, and everybody will of course be pleased to find that Major Pendennis is as frivolous and worldly, Mr. Arthur as conceited and foppish, and good Mrs. P. as absurdly inconsequential, as ever. The paper on "Chinese Officials" is, we presume, by Sir John Bowring, or by some one at least as well informed. Now that public attention is so intensely directed towards the Celestial Empire, the insight thus afforded into the arcang of official life there is peculiarly insight thus afforded into the arcana of official life there is peculiarly well-timed. According to this writer, promotion in the official life of China goes entirely by merit, and every office is open to the competition of the meanest Chinese. One consequence of this is that the competitors are so numerous, and the prizes comparatively so few, that the wealthy classes of China do not enter into the race. As the higher class among the citizens of London eschew the honours of the Common Council, and have no ambition for the mayoralty, so the Chinese mer-chant princes hold that Mandarinism "don't pay." For those who For those who do enter the career, and who persevere diligently, promotion is certain, and some of the highest mandarins have sprung from very low origins. The celebrated Yeh, for instance, was the son of a petty broker, and rose gradually from the lowest ranks of mandarinism. The word mandarin is Portuguese, and is derived from mandar, to command. There are nine degrees among these officials, and they are distinguished from one another by the symbolical ball or button worn in the cap, from one another by the symbolical ball or button work in the cap, The ninth degree wears a copper button gilt and wrought; the eighth, a copper button of another pattern; the seventh, copper also, but "peculiarly wrought, gilt and burnished;" the sixth, a button of white stone; the fifth, crystal; the fourth, pale blue; the third, transparent blue (such as beryl or sapphire); the second, carved coral; and the first, highest of all, a plain coral button.

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Behold him at the summit of his ambitious dreams, mandarin of the first class, viceroy of a province! On his cap rises proudly the plain red coral button of the proudest Chinese chivalry. On his breast and back, wrought gorgeously in gold and silver, glitter the imperial arms, the dragon with open jaws. Through what difficulties, what traps and snares, what labyrinths of lies, has he fought his tortuous way! There is something admirable in the pertinacity of the man, however we despise his roguery and falseness. He was born in a cottage; he sleeps in a grand marble palace, guards at the gate, troops of silken attendants within call, verything rich, and fair, and bright, that China can offer and money buy collected round him. And all this because he learned his lesson like a good boy, and was a studious youth, and took honours at college! Such, at least, is the theory of the thing, and there is something noble in the generous justice which first threw open to all the race of life, all comers, humble or high, to compete on equal terms for the first prizes of a public career, a fair field promised to all alike, and the best man to win. True, our mandarin is not impeccable, but the standard of Chinese morality is not a high one, and perhaps he is on a par with his neighbours. Will he rest now he has won the goal? Man is not made to rest, and mandarins, even coralloutoned, are men still. Although our graduate is sure, now, of something good in the gift of the Downing-street of Pekin, he pants for more. It is not enough to be viceroy of a province, censor of China, governor of a town where Barbarians have to be dealt with, or imperial commissioner over one of those subject allies, the bordering kingdoms. It is not enough to be viceroy of a province, censor of China, governor of a town where Barbarians have to be dealt with, or

There is something in this passage which leads us to suspect a slight error in the Chinese dispatches which have lately appeared in the papers. We hear constantly of a "Prince Kung," who is spoken of as brother to the Emperor. Is it not possible that this may be a mandarin with the title of "Koung," who is conducting the negotiations. Sir John Bowring once before pointed out a grave blunder in the name Peiho, as applied to a river. According to this authority "Pei-ho" means the mouth of any river. Among other remarkable "Pei-ho" means the mouth of any river. Among other remarkable papers in this number is a well-written enthusiastic tribute to the merits of Sir James Outram, whom the writer regards as the Bayard of Anglo-Indian chivalry.

The contents of Temple Bar are varied and interesting. What we have ead with most satisfaction is the first instalment of "The Seven Sons of Mammon," Mr. Sala's new story. Judging from this, it will be his most successful effort in fiction. The following description of Sir Jasper Goldthorpe's place of business will serve for an excellent example of the style:

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For it was a palace; a marble-fronted house, with wings forming three parts of a square; the fourth a dingy brick wall, with a porter's lodge in one corner. The court itself beautifully flagged with grey and white stone in chequers; and in the centre a pretty fountain, where a little boy with nothing on him spouted water from a conch-shell all day long. The stream seemed to be murmuring odes in praise of riches. The windows were all plate-glass, the wire-gauze blinds had golden beadings; over the door was sculptured the Goldthorpe family cognizance—three martlets on a field or; the bloody hand of its proper blazon; motto, Ex sudore aurum, the whole emblazoned on a richly-framed marble escutcheon. On the well-polished mahogany door glittered the brass-plate of the firm "Goldthorpe and Co."—a plate burnished much brighter than gold. The architecture of Beryl-court, exteriorly, was entirely Italian Renaissance, and had been commanded by Sir Jasper—in a letter of four lines to his architect—just efter he achieved his baronetcy. But his decorative fancy was an old one; for inside the house was at least a hundred and fifty years old. Some South-Sea director had lived here in the reign of George IV.; and there was a vast staircase painted with the story of the golden fleece, and a pagan apotheosis sprawled on the ceiling of almost every room. The staircase, up which you might have driven a coach-and-four, was of polished oak, with richly carved balustrades, and its stairs were laid with an oil-cloth painted in imitation of tiger's skin. All the rooms were pannelled, with enriched marble mantlepieces and curiously inlaid floors; but all this work was of the old time of the South-Sea director. No gas was permitted in Beryl-court. The numerous staff of clerks worked in winter time by the light of dumpy wax candles. The heads of departments had Turkey carpets laid in their

missions in the Guards.

What did all these chiefs of departments, clerks, messengers, and office-boys do from nine in the morning until five at night? None but those employed by the firm could tell. They wrote, wrote, and wrote; took letters off files and put them on others; consulted huge vellum-covered volumes, and made entries in other tomes similarly bound, perpetually; but what they did was a mystery. There was no faint odour about, of samples of rice, indigo, coffee, sugar, opium, as in merchants' and brokers' offices. No sea-captains showed their bronzed faces in the counting-house; no actual cash was ever seen; but nobody had the least doubt that the one great subject of work at Goldthorpe's was Money. All day long a stream of junior clerks, with pocket-books secured by leather-

faces in the counting-house; no actual cash was ever seen; but nobody had the least doubt that the one great subject of work at Goldthorpe's was Money. All day long a stream of junior clerks, with pocket-books secured by leather-covered chains wound round their waists, would drop bills for acceptance into the great letter-box by the brass-plate in Beryl Court; and all day long a counter-stream of Goldthorpian messengers would issue from Beryl Court, and from their leather chain-secured pocket-books drop bills of acceptance in other letter-boxes all over the City.

Sir Jasper's room was the plainest in the entire establishment. It was papered a sober drab, and matted; but it was a very ear of Dionysius for guttapercha tubing and ivory mouth-pieces. Nearly one side of the room was taken up by a huge iron safe, which, with its many locks and knobs and handles, looked like a monument to Mammon.

Add to Beryl-court the palace in Onyx-square, with its picture-gallery, its grand ball-room, and its belvedere, towering above the neighbouring mansions, sumptuous and superb. Add to these the princely domain of Goldthorpe in Surrey, with its deer-park and its home-park, its Vitruvian palazzo, its conservatories, graperies, pineries, kennels, model dairies, lawns, terraces, mazes, grottoes, and temples; its stables and coach-houses, its pavilions and lodges. Add to these a fine house at Kemp Town, Brighton, and the little shooting-box I have already glanced at. Surely it needs no more to convince you that Sir Jasper Goldthorpe was a power in the State, and a prince in the land.

So gold is a chimera, is it? Ah, my romantic friends, you little know what a reality gold is. See what it had given this fortunate man. Power and influence, respect, adulation, worship almost. Houses and parks and palaces, carriages and horses and hounds; a red hand in his escutcheon, a handle to his name, a seat in the Parliament of the country, a peerage in prospect; and Gold, nothing but gold, had done it all.

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Macmillan's Magazine has the opening of a tale by Henry Kingsley, Macmulan's Magazine has the opening of a take by fremy kingstey, the brother of Charles, who has already won his literary spurs by that most entertaining novel of Australian life, "Geoffrey Hamlyn." It promises well. There is a readable and instructive paper on the subject of "Diamonds," in which the properties of the royal gem are minutely explained. Sidney Smith, when negotiating the sale of some diamonds belonging to his wife, the produce of which was to be explained. pended in furnishing their house, professed to be in a state of semi-humorous alarm, lest people should find out how foolish it was to give so much money for stones before the transaction was completed. Had he known, however, the difficulty of deciding with certainty upon the genuineness of a diamond, his alarm might have been more real. The fact is, there is no absolutely certain way of testing a diamond but by ascertaining the specific gravity, and all that people talk about "knowing the water" of a diamond is pure nonsense. The writer of this essay tells a story of a diamond which belonged to a well-known London jaweller, who charged saveral very heavy logacies upon it in London jeweller, who charged several very heavy legacies upon it in his will, and it turned out after all to be a white topaz of little value. This number of *Macmillan* contains two beautiful pieces of poetry by Miss Mulock and Mrs. Norton, a capital instalment of "Tom Brown at Oxford," and a seasonable description of the city of Pekin.

We have also received: Bentley's Miscellany. — The Christian Bond of Brotherhood Magazine.

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EDUCATION, THE DRAMA, MUSIC, ART, SCIENCE, &c.

EDUCATION.

How to Read. By a Wrangler. London: Saunders and Otley. 1860. pp. 48.

A LTHOUGH THE WRITER OF THIS PAMPHLET has shown occasionally a certain sort of flippant cleverness in its composition, we cannot think that it reflects much, or indeed any, credit upon one who professes to have won his academical spurs as a "Wrangler." It will, we are afraid, be found but a blind guide after all, being equally pretentious, shallow, and unpractical. The Wrangler, too—although we have our shrewd doubts whether he has got very far beyond the Pons Asinorum—mistakes coarseness for strength in a very unpleasant manner, using freely such phrases as "dirty tongues," "rotten breath," "lousy heads," and even more offensive nastinesses as symbols of what he supposes to be flaws in our modern system of education. This unsavoury jargon alternates with sesquipedalian appeals to the woman "with moon-eyed glance," who, it appears, is destined to mate with the "great-minded man of might" who has learned "how to read," in contradistinction to "the dwarf with weak head and faint heart" who does not know how to do so, and the eyes of whose wife will bear no resemblance whatever to moons or stars. We have said that the Wrangler's advice is unpractical. It should not be so; for the future mate of the curious-eyed lady just alluded to has had plenty of experience. "He has been a zealous lover of learning from his earliest childhood. He has tried to forward his growth by earnest study for the full number of years at two Universities. He has had the happiness to meet as friends some of the foremost readers and writers of the day. He has felt, by trial, the ills and losses which curse the reader who treads the path to bookish lore. At last, however, he has found a way easy and swift to travel, and he now makes all heate to show this way to others."

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Here is goodly promise of fruit, which after all only blossoms into "Dead Sea apples." Nevertheless certain discoveries of the Wrangler may perhaps be welcomed on the score of their being old friends, not with new faces. Thus we learn that "before beginning a book for the first time, we know not what is held therein." This is indeed one of the very few rules to which probably there is no exception, unless possibly it be in the case of a clairvoyant. We are by no means certain that a little of that mathematical accuracy which the Wrangler ought to have such a large stock of, would not have been serviceable in the enunciation of this great discovery. It is something, however, to know that before we begin a book for the first time, we cannot tell what is in it—that the having it in our hands or pockets will not put it into our heads. We wish indeed it would; or even that by beginning a book it were possible to know "what was held therein." This would not only be an enormous boon to schoolboys, but to critics who have to wade through such a galimatias of impertinence as that indited by "a Wrangler."

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Another discovery, ushered in with the same sublime unconsciousness, is that "our first aim in reading a book should be to see clearly the author's meaning." This admirable aphorism is preceded by a twin piece of wisdom, which we extract for the benefit of our readers.

It is no use trying to do two things at once, and both in the best way. Now, we have seen that nature perfects us in four stages, wholly unlike each other. In the first two the roads leads inwards; and in the second two, outwards. The first stage is marked by the growth of single thoughts, called Concepts; the second by a knowledge of how our thoughts stand to one another, called Theoretical Cognition, and summed up in Propositions; the third, by deeds, or will and desire, called Conation; the fourth, by a knowledge of how our deeds are linked together, called Practical Cognition, which takes the shape of maxims, rules, or precepts.

The rule given above is afterwards partially modified, and we are told that "on the first reading of a book the easiest thing to try at is to understand the author's meaning."

We should scarcely be doing justice to our mathematical Mentor if we did not take with him "the case of a man who merely reads for amusement."

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The wretched man who seeks only his own pleasure in reading, is soon made bitterly aware of the grossness of his sin in neglecting the happiness of others. This terrible self-consciousness bars him from the world with bolts of steel, and binds him to himself with links of adamant. He dare not look a fellow-man in the face lest the fearful secret should be guessed, how he fails in his duty to mankind. The fruitful loveliness of nature is to him a cruel mockery—the thought of God a frightful spectre, that haunts him even in his narrowest and darkest hiding-place. He is repelled from every side, even from the inside. For where will he find a more sickening object than himself? And on himself he wreaks a terrible revenge. He is his own tormentor. On his own debased countenance he stamps a life-long warning to others, not to pursue pleasure for itself aione. Wee unto you that set your heart upon dreams that are not your own! Avaunt! ye men of lousy heads, whose minds are swarming with parasitic ideas!

Hear this, ye admirers of Messrs. Dickens and Thackeray. Hear this, ye young ladies and gentlemen who each month follow so eagerly the fortunes of Lucy Robarts or Tom Brown. A Puseyite is not more hateful to the editor of the Record, or a cigar to the Dean of Carlisle, than is a work of fiction to the Wrangler; who, by the way, cannot be said, like Shelley's Peter Bell, to have no more imagi-

nation than a pint pot, as he has discovered that novel-reading, like gin-drinking, makes the nose red. The Wrangler sits apart from his fellows, serene and star-like, solving quadratic equations, or devoting "the morning of his life" to teach "the red-nosed devourer of novels" what he ought to read.

Wranglers are, so far as we know, the product of but one university; and unless the writer of these pages have taken for the nonce a pseudonym, we think it undeniable that a man may be at the same time a Wrangler and an ass. We hope, however, that this impudent pretender to the honour of having discovered a royal road to learning is no true son of Alma Mater, but only some cockney pedant, who thus seeks to puff off his trumpery wares.

The Limits of Exact Science applied to History: an Inaugural Lecture, delivered before the University of Cambridge. By the Rev. Charles Kingsley, M.A., Professor of Modern History in the University of Cambridge, Chaplain in Ordinary to the Queen, and Rector of Eversley. (Cambridge and London: Macmillan and Co. 1860.) — Although perhaps the title of this inaugural lecture savours slightly of pedantry, we willingly recognise in it a vigorous and eloquent protest against the philosophy of Mr. Buckle and his school, which teaches that we not only live and breathe, but even think and act, by rule and measurement. The deadening effect of such philosophy upon the human mind need not be enlarged upon here; although we may remark that at first glance there is something in it likely to fascinate the mathematical student, who is led to believe that his chosen science is capable not only of dealing successfully with sines and cosines, but also of elaborating rules and regulations for the conduct of life. Professor Kingsley has recommended his pupils to adopt Gibbon as their text-book—a recommended his pupils to adopt Gibbon as their text-book—a recommendation with which we find no fault whatever, as we feel confident that the generous Christianity of the lecturer will prove an antidote to the sneering scepticism of the great historian. The new professor declares it to be his intention to follow, as far as he may be able, in the steps of his "wise and good predecessor," Sir James Stephen. Nevertheless, we would remind Mr. Kingsley that, "wise and good" (words which we heartily re-echo) as was his predecessor, he nevertheless found a peddling theological casuist or two in the university who, by taking scraps from various parts of the late professor's writings, and putting their own interpretation on these scraps, proved them to contain heresy or something very like it. That the same narrow bigotry is not yet utterly extinct at Cambridge was shown the other day, when certain clergymen discovered it to be dangerous to religion

righteous. Should be not be, however, he need leef heather surprised nor discouraged.

Tracts, Mathematical and Physical. By Henry, Lord Brougham, LL.D., F.R.S. (London and Glasgow: R. Griffin and Co. pp. 304.)—Mathematicians and physicists will gladly embrace the opportunities thus afforded for a perusal of Lord Brougham's various tracts upon several points of higher geometry and physics. The period over which the appearance of these exercitations has been spread is a very considerable one, seeing that the earliest appeared in 1795, and the latest in date is Lord Brougham's speech at Grantham, delivered in 1858, on the occasion of inaugurating the monument to Sir Isaac Newton. The earliest were written when young Henry Brougham was the pupil of Playfair and Robison at Edinburgh, and the latest long after he had reached the summit of his ambition and become one of the most distinguished debaters and legislators of the day. As a graceful compliment to his Alma Mater, Lord Brougham has dedicated the volume to the University of Edinburgh.

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A Popular Abridgment of Old Testament History, for Schools and General Reading. By J. T. Wheeler, F.R.G.S. New Edition. (Arthur Hall, Virtue, and Co. pp. 171.)—The popularity of this useful little compendium of the Old Testament history is proved by the appearance of a new edition. The original one has been carefully revised and corrected, and an additional chapter on the Assyrian and Babylonian empires give a new value to this very useful elementary work.

THE REV. EDGAR M. ACOCK, late master of Sherborne School, has been elected Vice-Principal of the South Wales Training School at Carmarthen.

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By a special appointment a deputation has waited on Viscount Palmerston, soliciting him to lay the foundation stone of the Hartley Institution at Southampton, on which the sum of 10,000l. is to be expended. Lord Palmerston acceded to the request of the deputation, and fixed Tuesday, the 8th January, for the ceremony. The Lord Bishop of the diocese and other distinguished personages will also be invited to be present at the ceremonial. The Hartley Institution is to be devoted to the cultivation of literature, the arts, and the sciences, for which a former eccentric and wealthy inhabitant of Southampton, Mr. Henry Robinson Hartley, bequeathed the handsome sum of 100,000l. to the town. The deceased gentleman having resided a good deal in France, the question of domicile was raised by the heir-at-law and next-of-kin, and no less than 40,000l. was spent in law expenses (without, however, the settlement of the legal

question), and 20,000l. in a compromise, leaving two-fifths of the munificent bequest or 40,000l. for the fulfilment of the testator's intentions. Of this sum 10,000l. is to be expended on the building, and 30,000l. for the support and maintenance of the institution. The building is now being erected on the site of the late Mr. Hartley's property and former residence, near the bottom of the High-street. It will be an exceedingly handsome structure, and contain a splendid public library and museum, as well as a lecture-hall of great capacity, class-rooms, &c., and is expected to be completed and opened to the public in the summer or autumn of 1862.

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The "winter speeches" of St. Paul's School were delivered on Thursday, the 20th, in the presence of a large audience, comprising many old "Paulines," as well as the parents and sisters of the present generation at Dean Colet's time-honoured foundation. The proceedings were commenced Dean Colet's time-honoured foundation. The proceedings were commenced by the recitation of the Thruston memorial prize by Mr. South, the captain of the school, and the successful competitor. The subject was a translation of Mr. Tennyson's poem "The Brook." After the recitation Dr. Kynaston presented Mr. South with a set of books for his prize, and at the same time congratulated the school at large on the many distinctions which recent "Paulines" had gained at the Universities and elsewhere, expressing his conviction that the present "Paulines" would do their best to emulate the glories of their late schoolfellows and maintain the ancient reputation of the school. Selections from Aristophanes, Euripides, Terence, Shakespeare, Sheridan, and Scribe were then delivered by the pupils. The day's proceedings were brought to a close by a scene from M. Scribe's play of "Les deux Precepteurs," in which Mr. Gosset particularly distinguished himself.

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From the announcement made by Mr. Cardwell, the Chief Secretary for reland, towards the close of last session, the public were prepared for the reconstruction of the National Board of Education. Great interest and anxiety had been felt as to the new appointments, by which the equalisation of Protestants and Catholics promised by the Government would be accomplished. We (the Dublin Evening Post) have heard that would be accomplished. We (the Dublia Evening Post) have heard that the arrangements are not yet completed, but we have reason to believe that rumours which have been prevalent as to certain of the appointments are well founded. It is said that Sir Thomas Redington, the Right Hon. John Hatchell, and Mr James O'Ferrall retire from the Board; and that Lord Dunraven will take the place of Sir Thomas Redington, Mr. Waldron, D.L., M.P., that of Mr. James O'Ferrall, and Mr. Serjeant Lawson that of Mr. Hatchell. The additional appointments are—Chief Justice Monahan, Chief Baron Pigot, Mr. John Leutaigne, D.L., and Mr. John O'Hagan. We hear that there will be an additional Presbyterian appointment, to complete the Protestant representation of the Board. sentation of the Board.

Oxford.—The death of the Rev. Dr. James Thompson, the Rector of Lincoln College, will be found recorded elsewhere.

In a Convocation to be holden on Tuesday, January 29, 1861, at two o'clock, it will be proposed that the university seal be affixed to an indenture for the foundation of a professorship, to be called "The Hope Professorship of Zoology," which is to be endowed by the munificence of the Rev.F. W. Hope, D.C.L., Ch. Ch.—"Deed for Foundation and Endowment of Hope Professorship of Zoology.—This indenture, made the —— day of —— 1861, between the Reverend Frederick William Hope, of Upper Seymour-street, in the county of Middlesex, clerk in holy orders, of the one part, and the chancellor, masters, and scholars of the University of Oxford of the other part. Whereas the said Frederick William Hope did by deed of gift, dated the 4th day of August 1849, grant and assign to the said chancellor, masters, and scholars, and their successors, the entomological collection, library of natural history, plates, engravings, and other articles and effects particularised in a schedule to the said deed of gift, upon the terms and conditions set forth in the said deed of gift, upon the trems and conditions: And whereas, with the view of promoting the study of the animal kingdom, and specially of its less known portions, in the said university, the said Frederick William Hope has proposed to transfer a sum of 10,000l. New 3l. per Cent. Annuities into the names of the chancellor, masters, and scholars of the said university, to the intent that the dividends arising therefrom may be for ever hereafter applied in the manner hereinafter mentioned: Now, this indenture witnesseth that for declaring the trusts of the said 10,000l. New 3l. per Cent. Annuities and the conditions and regulations of the said professorship, it is hereby declared and agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows: 1. There shall be for ever hereof the said 10,000l. New 3l. per Cent. Annuities and the conditions and regulations of the said professorship, it is hereby declared and agreed by and between the parties hereto as follows: 1. There shall be for ever hereafter a professor, to be called the 'Hope Professor of Zoology,' and the dividends arising from the said sum of 10,000l. New 3l. per Cent. Annuities shall from time to time, as and when the same become due, be paid to such professor, subject as hereinafter provided. 2. The nomination of the first and every subsequent 'Hope Professor,' during the lifetime of the said Frederick William Hope, shall be made by the said Frederick William Hope. 3. Every subsequent 'Hope Professor,' after the death of the said Frederick William Hope, shall be elected by the curators for the time being of the Hope collections, or by a majority of those present the time being of the Hope collections, or by a majority of those present at such election, each curator having one vote; and the Linacre Professor at such election, each curator having one vote; and the Linacre Professor of Physiology for the time being shall have the same right of voting as if he were a curator; and in cases of an equality of votes, for two candidates, the vice-chancellor for the time being shall have a second or casting vote. 4. The 'Hope Professor' shall be admitted in Convocation in the same manner as other professors. 5. The 'Hope Professor' shall at the time of his admission be at least a Master of Arts or a Bachelor of Civil Law or Medicine. 6. The duty of the 'Hope Professor' shall be to give public lectures and private instruction on zoology, with special reference to the articulata, at such times as shall be prescribed or approved by the university, and also to superintend and arrange the Hope collection of university, and also to superintend and arrange the Hope collection of annulose animals, and to take charge of the natural history portion of the Hope library. 7. The 'Hope Professor' shall reside in the university for the term of eight months in every academical year between the 1st October and the 15th July. 8. The 'Hope Professor' shall retain his

office during good behaviour. 9. In case of illness, or unavoidable absence of the 'Hope Professor,' the Hope curators shall have the ordinary power to appoint a temporary deputy. 10. In case of permanent inability of the 'Hope Professor' to perform the duties of the professorship, the Hope curators shall have the ordinary powers to appoint a permanent deputy, with such stipend out of the Hope Professor's encoluments as to the Hope curators shall seem fit. 11. The vice-chancellor and delegates of appeals in congregation, or the greater part of them, shall have power to proceed against the professor in case of misconduct, in the same manner as is provided by the statutes respecting the Moral Philosophy Professor and other professors, sanctioned by Her Majesty; and in the event of their finding it necessary to remove the professor, the said Frederick William Hope, if living, and if he shall not be then living, the Hope cura-William Hope, if living, and if he shall not be then living, the Hope curators for the time being, shall immediately proceed to a fresh election. 12. The 'Hope Professor' shall be entitled to receive from his auditors such The 'Hope Professor' shall be entitled to receive from his auditors such fees only as shall be fixed by the university, in addition to the dividends arising from the said 10,000%. New Three per Cent. Annuities. 13. The 'Hope Professor' shall not hold any other professorship or readership in the university."

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Congregations will be holden for the purpose of granting graces and conferring degrees, on the following days in the ensuing Term, viz.

Jan. 14; Feb. 7 and 21; March 7 and 23.

The election to a Fellowship at Queen's College terminated on Thursday, the 20th, in favour of Mr. John Rich Magrath, B.A., Scholar and Exhibitioner of Oriel College. Mr. Magrath obtained the Stanhope prize in the present year. Subject—"The Rise of the Swiss Confederation."

The electors have notified to the Vice-Chancellor that they have elected Mr. William Halling P.A. Fellow, of St. Johns College, to a Vinerian

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Laws Scholarship.

Cambridge.—The Rev. Dr. Henry Philpott, Master of Catherine College, Cambridge, has been appointed to the Bishopric of Worcester, rendered vacant by the death of the Right Rev. Dr. Henry Pepys. The new Bishop entered St. Catherine College (then called Catherine Hall) in 1825, and in 1829 took his first degree of Bachelor of Arts, when he was first-class in classics, and the senior Wrangler of his year, the present Duke of Devonshire being second Wrangler. Dr. Philpott has been three times Vice-Chancellor, and is one of the most popular men in the University. The Cambridge Chronicle says: "Dr. Philpott has been so long marked out for a bishopric, that very little astonishment was created in Cambridge when it was rumoured on Saturday that the see of Worcester had been offered to him. Into a vacancy at Ely he would have stepped almost as a matter of course; and it is only because he was in a manner regarded as set aside for that parvacancy at Ely he would have stepped almost as a matter of course; and it is only because he was in a manner regarded as set aside for that particular appointment, that the announcement of the offer of Worcester can be said to have been unexpected. In Cambridge, where Dr. Philpott is best known, the appointment is generally considered a good one. Discretion, even temper, firmness when necessary, and habits of business rarely excelled, are qualities which will be universally conceded to him, and they are qualities of no little consequence to a man who is called upon in these days to administer the affairs of a diocese. His theological opinions have never been obtruded upon the public. He has never identified himself with any of the sections into which Churchmen are too prone to divide themselves: perhaps he has studiously kept aloof from all of them. Certainly, it is not to any active sympathy with the Evangelical party, from whom episcopal appointments have of late been made, that he owes his promotion; nor yet to political co-operation with the friends of the present Government, for he has been a consistent although not an extreme Conservative throughout his public career. We believe not an extreme Conservative throughout his public career. We believe that his character will win for him the confidence and esteem of the clergy who are about to be placed under his superintendence; and if there be any doubt as to his efficiency, it can only arise from a fear that the easy habits of a Cambridge Head are a questionable training for the office of a Bishop."

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The Hulsean Prize was adjudged on Wednesday, the 19th, to William

Ralph Churton, B.A., King's College.

MUSIC AND MUSICIANS.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.—Among the varied entertainments incident to this remarkable period of the year, music in its loftier attributes has made but shy appearances. On Thursday, the 20th, "Messiah" was performed on the "popular price" scale, under the presidency of Dr. Wylde, for the second time this season. The principals engaged differed from those announced in the first pregramme about a month since, and the chorus-to quote the circular-numbered three hundred. Increase of number, however, is not to be regarded as an infallible guarantee for a good performance of a colossal work, and it would be a misprision of justice to say that this congregated vocal and it would be a misprision of justice to say that this congregated vocal force was really equal to the task undertaken. Too many persons rush heedlessly into orchestras to sing Handel's music, who, if submitted to very simple tests, would be found sadly at fault in primary principles, and who must be little better than so many dead weights to those who have worked themselves up to a knowledge of their proper duty. This was manifest in the double counterpoint passages that are so freely distributed about the opening chorus. Some were too timorous to attack them with the necessary promptitude, while others gave fuller

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vent, and sang to Olympus. In the chorus "He trusted in God"vent, and sang to Olympus. In the chorus "He trusted in God"—a movement in strict fugue, abounding with excellent points—the same indecision was apparent, and the neglect of a critical rehearsal painfully so. Miss Lascelles occupied the position held previously by Mme. Sainton-Dolby. Mile. Parepa and Miss Emily Spiller divided the soprano duties. Mr. George Perren sang the tenor music, and Mr. Suntley the bass. Mr. Santley the bass.

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EXETER HALL.—The Sacred Harmonic Society repeated "Messiah" on Friday, the 21st, to a full and appreciative room. It is not necessary to say anything about the manner in which the members of so renowned a society perform this revered work. Their familiarity with the score has become so ripe, that they would not be much inconvenienced if left suddenly without a sheet of music to sing from. Mlle. Parepa, Miss Palmer (in consequence of the indisposition of Mme. Sainton-Dolby), Mr. Sims Reeves, and Mr. Weiss, were selected as principals. Mr. Costa conducted rs usual. conducted as usual.

CONQUETED IN USE A COVERT GARDEN.—"The Marriage of Georgette," supported mainly by Miss Louisa Pyne and Mr. H. Corri, is the only fragment of the operatic muse that has fallen under our notice during the past week. The deeds of "Blue Beard" will be revealed in another chapter.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC GOSSIP.

THE CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS are all enjoying their share of public patronage, and will be noticed in detail in an early number of the CRITIC.

The destruction of St. Martin's Hall and the subsequent misfortune of Mr Hullah have evoked a general expression of sympathy on the part of all who knew his private and public worth, especially by those who feel indebted to him (by the introduction of his system) for the many happy hours spent in the enjoyment of music. The members of Mr. Henken's Choral Association, sharing this feeling, and wishing to pay him a tribute of their respect, esteem, and sympathy, respectfully invite the public to give them generous support on the accession of their giving a the public to give them generous support on the occasion of their giving a concert in his honour at St. James's Hall on Monday evening next, when renowned artistes will assist, and the whole be under distinguished patroage, including the Right Hon. the Earl of Carlisle, K.G., Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland; the Right Hon. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., Chancellor of the Exchequer; the Hullah Testimonial Committee.

ART AND ARTISTS.

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PESTORATION has not the opportunity for mischief within that cold, melancholy stone cavern called the interior of St. Paul's, the same questionable process has fatal power to inflict upon the bleached, desecrated, still suggestive skeleton of a grand Gothie fabric, once clothed with flesh, once radiant with glory of hue, glowing with sculptured thought fresh and unmutilated—with life in short. But the proceeding is here also powerless for good. It is not restoration that St. Paul's wants, but completion. The decorative garb Wren had intended it to have received, it is notorious it never got. This vaunted, much-desired removal of Father Smith's noble organ from the entrance of the choir, and "throwing open" an uninterrupted vista from end to end of the cathedral—what do we gain by it? Simply a blank, an "uninterrupted view" from the great western doors of nothing,—or worse, of that plain, bald, ugly eastend circular-headed window (with its parlour-window-like blind, to keep the sun out), a window devoid of tracery, of character, of architectural form of any kind, such as every pseudoclassic sessions-house or police-court may show: a true anticlimax. Never before was the bathos of that whole east end so conspicuous. A singular "vista" it is indeed, or crowning point of beauty, to terminate the perspective of the lengthened nave and choir, grand, at all events, by reason of mere size, general proportion, and solidity of contractors. to terminate the perspective of the lengthened nave and choir, grand, at all events, by reason of mere size, general proportion, and solidity of construction. How disadvantageous is the comparison it forces on the mind with the glories the Gothic builders loved to lavish on the east ends of their cathedrals. Oh! for the lofty organ and Grinling Gibbons screen back again, to partly veil the nakedness of that "vista"! The size and proportions of the whole choir are dwarfed by the unbroken line now presented. And the choir, no longer a choir, or church within a church, presents the absurdest appearance. At all events, even if the removal of the organ to the spot originally ('tis said) assigned to it by Wren, viz., to the third bay westward on the north side of the choir, were for that reason allowable, the screen should have been left; should not have been broken up and made use of as so much "old materials," for a door screen in the south transept.

As for the erection (rendered necessary by the shifting of the old organ) of a mammoth new organ for the Sunday evening services in the south transept, the architectural result of the innovation (one certainly never contemplated by Sir Christopher) is to convert that transept into a shallow recess. The repainting (in white) and regilding of the leading lines of the dome, and of portions of the roof and supporting arches of nave and choir, have a very crude and upholsterer-like effect; do but bring out the poverty and inherent ugliness, not to say insanity, of the sham "classic" decorations, of all those self-repeating, cumbrous roses, of that foolish army of cherubim, of all that bald "coffering" and cumbrous carpentry in stone. It is colour the great void wants. After the glowing life of St. Peter's, which looks and feels like what it is—a building reverently cared for, and rendered attractive and comfortable to human worshippers—how dead and dreary is the interior of our St. Paul's! It almost gives one a cold in the head to look at its vast, cold, monotonous "vistas," unquickened by a single purely beautiful detail and feature—a colossal plagiarism of the noble forms and proportions of a Gothic cathedral, with all the life and human feeling left out! The inscription to Wren's memory, which used to be legible (if we recollect right) on this very screen they have removed, told us grandiloquently, if we sought the architect's monument, to "Look around!" —"Nay, rather step outside," justly retorted a critic not given to cant. There, indeed, despite all faults incident to the architect's time and style, an eloquent and majestic vision, embodied in abiding forms, crowns the gentle hill which rises above old Thames, dominates over the forest of houses, and ennobles London's every

prospect.

A fallacious attempt to "display the beauty and unity of the building" has been the *ignis fatuus* in pursuit of which poor Dean Milman and his architect Penrose, aided by the counsels of classic architects like Tite, Bunning, and Cockerell, and finding credulous supporters among the wealthy citizens, have all lost their way. They have made the emptiness and poverty of the east end but the more glaring, have destroyed the integrity of the choir and of one transept, have "adapted" and mutilated Grinling Gibbons's carved stall-work—the last genuine art, however debased the style, in that class of work. If, instead of all this nugatory achievement, the Restoring, or rather revolutionary, Committee had begun by attending to that most pressing necessity, of clothing the shivering naked pile with colour and true decoration, some real good would have been done. Fill the bare ugly windows with stained glass—bad would be better than none—clothe windows with stained glass—bad would be better than none—clothe the sprawling spandrels of the dome between pier arches and upper windows with Sicilian mosaics, as Mr. Penrose, the surveyor to the cathedral, has suggested, and some mitigation would be effected of that yawning melancholy which oppresses the soul as one (if born with a craving for beauty) loiters in the imposing, cheerless place. All that has hitherto been done during these six months, at the cost of so many thousands on the part of the City companies and of the public, is simply a failure and a mistake—architecturally speaking, and so far as the satisfying human nature's asthetic requirements is concerned. Doubtless the cathedral has been altered about to meet the convenience of the immigrants from other churches, who attend the Sunday evening services; and a has been altered about to meet the convenience of the immigrants from other churches, who attend the Sunday evening services; and a big organ has been provided to amuse them. Whether the attainment of this object (at the expense of architectural effect) was worth an outlay of four or five thousand pounds down, and three or four thousand more hereafter (the mammoth organ, its case and requirements, engross nearly four thousand of the whole), is another

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One exception we would make to our condemnation of the recent alterations—they scarcely pretend to be restorations. It is in favour of the new pulpit, at the west end of the choir towards the dome, and intended for the Sunday evening services. This is a donation to the cathedral, and erected as a memorial (how far better than a cumbrous monument!) to the late Captain R. Fitzgerald, who fell in India. It is of carved marble, and stands on eight shafts of polished marble, deep and various in colour. The general design is novel and graceful, the execution good, the material sensuously beautiful. This is an example of how the cathedral might be enriched and made to glow with life by the addition of features beautiful in themselves and congruous with the fabric. It is this very æsthetic element of which the building—sublime without, bald and in some aspects repulsive within—so sorely stands in need.

M. BLANCHARD, the well-known French engraver after Meissonier, is to engrave Mr. J. Phillip's "Marriage of the Princess Royal," under speculative Mr. Gambart's auspices.

The people of Bolton have given the commission for their statue of Samuel Crompton, the inventor, to Mr. W. Calder Marshall, a meritorious but towns artist.

but tame artist. A marble statue to the late Sir William Peel, the heroic sailorson of the great Sir Robert; whose gallant exploits in the Crimea, and above all in India, raised a thrill in all English bosoms, proving as they did that some of our naval captains are still made of the old stuff, has been placed in an appropriate home, in the Painted Hall of Greenwich Hospital. It is from the hand of Mr. Theed, the well-known sculptor

The three local Sussex committees, formed to forward a memorial to the late Duke of Richmond, have united into one committee, and have decided that the memorial shall take the shape of a bronze statue, not colossal, to be erected within the county. The subscriptions are to be limited to a maximum of 5l., an advance upon the limit originally proposed.

There is hope of a duplicate for London of Foley's fine equestrian There is hope of a duplicate for London of Foley's fine equestrian bronze statue of Lord Hardinge, now in India. A large sum has been subscribed by the committee, chiefly composed of brother artists, who will now appeal to the general public for aid in the good work. The committee includes Messrs. Marshall and Weekes, among sculptors; Messrs. Maclise, Stanfield, Roberts, Frith, Creswick, and Ward, among the painters; and among architects, Mr. Hardwicke.

Mr. Noble is the fortunate recipient from Government, or rather from the "man of taste" at its head—the classic Palmerston—of the commission to execute the national monument to the memory of Sir John Franklin. Parliament voted 2000l. for this tribute of the national gratitude; Trafalgar-square is the site. We wish Mr. Noble's antecedents as

a maker of public monuments were such that we could congratulate the public, as well as himself, on jobbing Pam's choice of a sculptor.

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There is talk of a monument at Liverpool to the late Lord Dundonald, the greatest sailor since Nelson, and the worst-used who ever ennobled his service and his country by heroic character and actions; whose treatment, indeed, will ever be a stain on the national annals. We should like to see a statue to the heroic man in that Guildhall where so should like to see a statue to the heroic man in that Guildhall where so wrongful a verdict was returned against him through the active interposition of a brutal judge, and the conspiracy of a cruel and unscrupulous faction. A great public crime and miscarriage of justice have still, in Dundonald's case, to be expiated by a national monument, and by other more solid reparation to his descendants.

The restoration of the Gateway at Reading, the sole remnant of the once stately Abbey which still retains architectural characteristics, is still under consideration. There is talk of calling in Mr. Scott as restoring doctor. It is but a plain piece of Perpendicular, and if restored will lose what little historical value it still retains. It has been much mutilated, and of late has on one side shown some signs of falling. A few pounds expended on a buttress or other support would prolong its life for many a day; for the whole erection is a solid, though ill-used, piece of masonry

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Demolition, reconstruction, and soi-disant embellishment, are still the rage in Paris and its environs, and the movement spreads like a contagion throughout France. Our contemporary the Building News well describes the present transition state of the once picturesque and historical city: "As the demand for employment has naturally grown with the thing upon which it lives, there appears no chance of the improvements or alterations of Paris register, and any ord partial experts incorporation at the card which it lives, there appears no chance of the improvements or alterations of Paris coming to an end until every inconvenient street and almost every inelegant house is done away with or replaced. For the builder and architect, Paris is at present, and is likely to remain for some time, the widest area for the study of demolition and construction, and it presents the opportunity of seeing what to emulate and what to avoid in almost an equal degree. If a student desire to see rapid and solid building, exquisitely-worked details, with architecture of every kind, good, bad and indifferent, let him come to Paris, for here he will find all those features on a grand scale." A new Russian church in the Rue de la croix, "in the style of the Kremlin"—a group of five towers, crowned with orthodox copper-gilt knobs—is one of the features of new Paris. As for the venerable cathedrals of Notre Dame and St. Denis, they are now (for the most part) bran-new cathedrals, with little that is ancient to boast, save the associations which still cling to them.

Last week some fine examples of rare old porcelain, of antique and modern highly-wrought plate, and a few old pictures, were dispersed at the public sale of the personal effects of the late Lieut.—Gen. Lord Sandys, by Mr. Lye, of the firm of Farebrother, Clarke, and Lye. Among the

the public sale of the personal effects of the late Lieut.-Gen. Lord Sandys, by Mr. Lye, of the firm of Farebrother, Clarke, and Lye. Among the lots of artistic interest were:—Two richly-chased silver owls, mounted as an inkstand, gilt inside, on richly-chased stand, with taper-holder; presented by her late Majesty Queen Adelaide to the late lord; weight, 43 oz.—15 guineas. A handsome silver flagon, richly chased in silver thistles, in high relief, with frosted chased handle, surmounted by an eagle; presented by the officers of the Royal Scots Greys to their colonel, the late lord: weight 70 oz.—25 guineas. A gold enamelled box, of the eagle; presented by the officers of the Royal Scots Greys to their colonel, the late lord; weight 70 oz.—25 guineas. A gold enamelled box, of the period of Louis XIV., with the monogram of the late King of Prussia, set in brilliants, and encircled with fourteen other brilliants of larger size; knocked down to Lord George Hill at the high price of 150l. A pair of very curious antique Italian vases, with covers, enamelled on copper, with old chasings in gilt metal, and enriched with agates, cornelians, and other precious stones, masks, &c., with female head handles—55l. (Farrant.) A life-size portrait of King Charles I., in his coronation robes, finely painted by Sir Godfrey Kneller, in black and gold frame; with the companion portrait, life size, admirably painted by Sir Peter Lely, of King Charles II., also attired in his coronation robes, and holding a sceptre in his hand; in similar frame—50 guineas the pair. A very moderate price for pictures of so much historic value, by artists nowise contemptible, however mannered and now unfashionable,—once esteemed very princes in the art. Thus do times and fashions change! Life-size portraits are now always at a discount, unless by the greatest painters.

SCIENCE AND INVENTIONS.

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SOCIETY OF ANTIQUARIES.—Dec. 6; Mr. Tite, M.P., vice-president, in the chair. The following gentlemen were elected Fellows: William Winkley, jun., Paul Butler, and the Rev. Charles Collier. Baron de Bonstetten, author of "Recueil d'Antiquités Suisses," and Dr. Keller, President of the Society of Antiquaries of Zurich, were elected honorary Fellows. Lady Palmerston exhibited, through Mr. Franks, a Celtic torquis of gold, of the pattern known as the funicular, recently found in Hampshire. Sir Charles Wood exhibited, through Mr. Franks, an iron sword in a bronze sheath. The sword was accompanied by two small circular bosses and two rivets, all of bronze. By permission of the Bedfordshire Architectural and Archwological Society, Mr. Franks exhibited a bronze disc-shaped object, with a handle attached, apparently a mirror. Both sword, sheath, and mirror are ornamented with the peculiar engraved curved lines, marking them as belonging to that class of early national antiquities, of which the Goodrich Court shield found in the Witham, and the shield from the Thames in the British Museum, are characteristic antiquities, of which the Goodrich Court shield found in the Witham, and the shield from the Thames in the British Museum, are characteristic specimens. Mr Lawrence exhibited a curious wooden box, covered inside and out with burnt work in scroll decorations and figure subjects, Orpheus and the choice of Paris being among them. It appeared to be a work of about the end of the sixteenth century. A communication was read by Mr. Williams on the plural abbreviation "Britt." on the recently issued bronze coinage, in which the author in support cited numerous similar instances of the form on Roman money. A half-length portrait, painted in oils, said to be of Recorder Fleetwood, in the possession of Mr. Selby Lowndes, was exhibited by Mr. Corner. Though inscribed "Sir Wm. Fletewode, Knt., Recorder of London," Mr. Corner was of opinion, from the costume, it was a portrait of the Recorder's son,

By permission of Mr. Selby Lowndes, their owner, Mr. Corner also exhibited four illuminated coloured drawings, each representing a sitting of one of the four law courts. The drawings are of the time of Henry the Sixth, and present very lively glimpses of the hearing of causes in that day. An elaborate paper upon them, by Mr. Corner, was then read.—December 20: John Bruce, Esq., vice-president, in the chair. A gold finger-ring, with figures of saints in niello, found at Brantham, Suffolk, was exhibited by the Rev. Mr. Pigot, through Mr. Howard. The Earl of Enniskillen, by permission of Captain Francis, exhibited a châsse or coffre of Limoges enamel, of date apparently 1200 or 1210, or thereabouts. It is oblong, has a high-pitched roof-lid, and stands on four square bases, like the Hereford example. The legend of the four Kings of Cologne is represented upon it, the kings being upon horseback. One with the same subject is in the British Museum, obtained at the Bernal sale. Mr. Hart read some remarks on a manuscript book of compositions for knighthood of the years 1630 and 1631, preserved in the Record Office. The book contains a list of names and fines of those who had refused to take upon themselves the honour of knighthood. The book is arranged according to counties. An entry of "O. Cromwell, of Huntingdon, Esq., 104." occurs, the base of those divisions. The Dern Mr. counties. An entry of "O. Cromwell, of Huntingdon, Esq., 101." occurs, the name standing at the head of one of the divisions. The Rev. Mr. Beck exhibited an ivory fork and spoon, and a small enamelled plaque with the head of our Saviour, of the Italian renaissance period. Mr. Akerman the head of our Saviour, of the Italian renaissance period. Mr. Akerman exhibited a hazel rod, similar to the half of an exchequer tally. It has an inscription relative to lands in Berks and Warwickshire, dated the 29th of April, in the 42nd year of Queen Elizabeth, and appears to be a symbol of conveyance. Fifteen most interesting and valuable rings from Mr. Waterton's collection were by him exhibited, accompanied by a detailed description read by the secretary. They may be briefly catalogued as follows: 1. A Roman ring, formerly in the Féjévary collection, of massive gold, set with an onyx of four strata, and weighing over two ounces. 2. A diminutive votive ring, also Roman, weighing only 2.75 grains. 3, 4, and 5. Merovingian rings of gold, with garnet settings. 6. The famous Anglo-Saxon ring of gold and niello, supposed to have been the property of Alhstan, Bishop of Sherburne (A.D. 823 to 867), whose name it bears; of which an account by Samuel Pegge was read before the society, Dec. 2, 1773. 7. An Anglo-Saxon signet ring. 8. A gold ring, nielloed with figures of St. Barbara and St. Christopher, of the 15th century. 9. The remarkable Darnley ring, dated 1565, found at Fotheringay. 10. Italian sei cento signet ring. 11. A plain hoop ring gold, inscribed with the names of the four Evangelists. 12 and 13. Etruscan rings of bone, incased in gold. 14 and 15. Curious talismanic rings, considered good against epilepsy, made from the hoof of the ass. rings, considered good against epilepsy, made from the hoof of the ass. The first, with a toadstone setting, is of the time of Henry the Fifth; and the second, Swiss, of the seventeenth century. A translation by Mr Wylie of an account by the Abbé Cochet of the discovery, in the present year, of Gallo-Roman cremation interments at Lillebonne, was next read, and illustrative drawings of some of the discovery. present year, of Gallo-Roman cremation interments at Lillebonne, was next read; and illustrative drawings of some of the objects obtained, executed by Mr Wilmer, were exhibited. Mr Galloway contributed, through Mr Thorns, a tracing and description of an aboriginal stone hammer, found near Edinburgh in the autumn of 1859. The material is a kind of ironstone. It is of the axe form, and noticeable as having grooves or channels to enable it to be firmly fixed by thongs to a wooden handle. The meetings of the society were then adjourned for the Christmas holidays, to be resumed on Thursday evening, the 10th of January. January.

January.

GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY.—Dec. 5; L. Horner, Esq., Pres., in the chair. The following communication was read: "On the Structure of the Northwest Highlands, and the Relations of the Gneiss, Red Sandstone, and Quartzite of Sutherland and Ross-shire." By Professor James Nicol, F.G.S. The author first referred to his paper in the Quarterly Journal of the Geological Society, Vol. XIII. pp. 17, &c., in which the order of the red sandstone on gueiss, and of quartzite and limestone on the sandstone, was suphibled and in which the relation of the centre grains are misses which the Geological Society, Vol. XIII. pp. 17, &c., in which the order of the red sandstone on gneiss, and of quartzite and limestone on the sandstone, was established, and in which the relation of the eastern gneiss or mica-schist to the quartzite was stated to be somewhat obscure, on account of the presence of intrusive rocks and other marks of disturbance. Having examined the country four times, with the view of settling some of the doubtful points in the sections, the author now offered the matured result of his observations. He agrees with Sir R. Murchison as far as the succession of the western gneiss, red sandstone, quartzites (quartzite and fucoid-bed), and limestone is concerned; but differs from him in maintaining that there is no upper series of quartzite and limestone, and that there is no evidence of an "upward conformable succession" from the quartzite and limestone into the eastern mica-slate or gneiss—the so-called "upper gneiss." The "upper quartzite" and "upper limestone" the author believes to be portions of the quartzite of the country, in some cases separated by anticlines and faults and cropping out in the higher ground, and in other instances inverted beds with the gneiss brought up by a contiguous fault and overhanging them. This latter condition of the strata, as well as other cases where the eastern gneiss is brought up against the quartzite series, have, according to the author, given rise to the supposed "upward conformable succession" above referred to. In some cases where "gneiss" is said to have been observed overlying the quartzite, Professor Nicol has determined that the overlying rock is granulite or other eruptive rock, not gneiss. The sections described by the author in support of his views of the eastern gneiss not overlying the quartzite and limestone, but being the same as the gneiss of the west coast, and brought up by a powerful fault along a nearly north and south line passing from Whiten Head the same as the gneiss of the west coast, and brought up by a powerful fault along a nearly north and south line passing from Whiten Head (Loch Eribol) to Loch Carron and the Sound of Sleat, are chiefly those which had been brought forward as affording the proofs on which the opposite hypothesis is founded; and in all, the author finds irruptions of igneous rocks, and other indications of faults and disturbance, depriving them, in his opinion, of all weight as evidence of a regular order of "upward conformable succession." Professor Nicol describes, first, the cliff-section from Far-out Head to Loch Eribol, and insists that the gneiss of Far-out Head does not overlie the limestone, but that the latter is the highest formation here, and that the country is much disturbed by north-and-south faults. 2. At Camas-an-Duin, intrusive granulite, where it rises

up beneath the quartzite, involves large pieces of mica-slate, showing that the last is the lowest rock. At Arnabol Hill, on the continuation of the fault, the quartzite dips apparently below the igneous mass of the hill; but the openings of the Annelid-tubes and the ripple marks, belonging to the surface of the beds, are here on the lower faces—showing reversal. 3. At Drium-an-tenigh it is not gneiss, but granulite that overlies the limestone and quartzite. 4. At Whiten Head, felspar-porphyry intrudes in the line of junction, partly on the quartzite, but chiefly on the old slates to the east. The author refers the disappearance of the fucoid-bed and limestone (the upper part of the series), and the presence only of the quartzite in contact with the eastern gneiss, to denudation on a line of fault. He states also that there are clear sections in this district, north of Loch Hope Ferry, to show that the so-called "upper quartzite" passes regularly under the limestone. 5. Near the head of Loch Eribol the igneous matter has generally thinned out, letting the quartzite come close against the mica-schist; but when precalled "upper quartzite" passes regularly under the limestone. 5. Near the head of Loch Eribol the igneous matter has generally thinned out, letting the quartzite come close against the mica-schist; but when present, whether in mass or in veins, it affects the mica-slate far more than the quartzite, thus proving the schist to be the lowest rock. At places the sections are much complicated by the igneous rock. Above Eribol House the section of the hill-side, passing upwards from limestone to quartzite, fucoid-bed, quartzite, and mica-schist with red felspar-veins, is regarded by the author as clearly indicative of an inversion on the line of fault; this he saw also on the Ault-na-harra Road. 6. East of the Kyle of Tongue are some patches of conglomerate lying on the eastern gneiss. These have hitherto been regarded as Old Red Sandstone; but Professor Nicol, on examining them, found that they are identical with the conglomerate of the red sandstone ("Cambrian" of Murchison) of the west coast. At Cnoc Craggie, quartzite lies on this eastern conglomerate. These remnants are supposed to have been preserved from denudation on account of having been hardened by the syenitic eruption of Ben Laoghal. 7. At the northwest end of Loch More the so-called "gneiss," overlying the quartzite, is eruptive granulite. The quartzite is thin, and has probably, therefore, been denuded along the line of fault. 8. At Lochs Glen Coul and Glen Dhu the gneiss does not overlie the quartzite: from a distance it may appear to do so; but the ridges are separate, and the so-called "overlying gneiss" is sometimes intrusive syenite, sometimes vertical masses of granitic gneiss with unconformable strike. 9. The quartzite of Loch-na-Ganich dips against the syenite of Glasven, which mountain is not all quartzite, as has been stated, but has syenite with vertical granitic gneiss: the latter underlies quartzite, and therefore the latter is the lowest of the series here; nor does the limestone of Stronchrubie dip below the quartzite. Prof. Nicol trace and he makes the quartzite of Glasven and Ben More to be the ordinary quartzite lifted up and denuded of the limestone, not an "upper quartzite." The author states also that some of the so-called "upper quartzite" here is granite, and some of it red sandstone (Cambrian), and that the "upper quartzite" and "upper limestone" of Loch Ailsh and Strath Oykil are merely the repetition (on the other side of the anticlinal of Ben More) of merely the repetition (on the other side of the anticlinal of Ben More) of the limestone of Stronchrubie and Assynt, modified by denudation along the line of fault. 11. On Loch Borrolan, red porphyry alters the beds. At Cnoc Chaorinie the limestone is absent, and the mica-slate is brought against the fucoid-bed. At Elphin the limestone is in force, but nowhere passes under the gneiss, though the latter is seen for a thickness of some hundred feet. 12. To the south of the foregoing localities the anticlinal of Ben More has been swept away, the line of junction is in the continuation of the synclinal of the Gillaroo Loch, and the gneiss is almost continuous from west to east. 13. The section at Coulmore proves the existence of the fault with powerful lateral compression. 14. Loch Broom gives the author similar evidence. 15. At Loch Maree and Gairthe existence of the fault with powerful lateral compression. 14. Loch Broom gives the author similar evidence. 15. At Loch Maree and Gairloch no section shows an "upward conformable succession." The limestone is here diminished by denudation along the fault. 16. The mountains east of Loch Torridon show red sandstone and quartzite powerfully faulted and crushed, and the eastern gneiss meets them suddenly end to end—well illustrating the true structure of the district. 17. At Loch Carron the section clearly shows the great fault. 18. At Loch Keeshorn the author sees great disturbance of the strata and no "upward succession." 19. In the south of Skye the red sandstone ("Cambrian") rests unconformably on the gneiss, and this is identical with that of the mainland ("eastern gneiss"). Prof. Nicol further argues that the mode of the distribution of the rock shows that there is through Sutherland and Ross-shire a real fault, and no overlap of eastern gneiss of more than a few feet or yards at most; and that the fact of different strata of the quartzite series being brought against the gneiss at different places supports this view, and points to a great denudation having taken place along the line view, and points to a great denudation having taken place along the line of fault. Though the quartzite is here and there altered by the igneous of fault. Though the quartzite is here and there altered by the igneous rocks, yet it is truly a sedimentary rock, and so is the limestone; but the eastern gneiss or mica-schist is a crystalline rock throughout. This fact according to the author, is inimical to the hypothesis of the eastern gneiss overlying the limestone and quartzite. It has been insisted upon, that the strike of the western gneiss is different from that of the east; but the author remarks that the strike is not persistent in either area, and that great movements subsequent to the deposition of the quartzite series have irregularly affected the whole region. With regard to mineralogical characters, Prof. Nicol insists that both the eastern and the western gneiss are essentially the same. Both are locally modified with granitic and hornblendic matter near igneous foci; but no proof of a difference of age in the two can be obtained therefrom. The alteration in bulk of the gneiss in the western area, by the intrusion of the vast in bulk of the gneiss in the western area, by the intrusion of the vast quantities of granite now observable in it, may perhaps have caused the great amount of crumpling and faulting along the N. and S. line of fault, dividing the western from the eastern gneiss,—a fault comparable with and parallel to that running from the Moray Firth to the Linhe Loch, and to the one passing along the south side of the Grampians.

CHEMICAL.—Dec. 6; Col. P. Yorke, Vice-Pres., in the chair. Mr. J. Barratt was elected a fellow. Mr. S. D. Hayes read a paper "On a New Lead Salt corresponding to Cobalt-yellow." Dr. Hofmann made a communication "On the Production of mixed Amine, Phosphine, and Arsine Compounds."

MEETINGS FOR THE ENSUING WEEK.

Tues......Royal Inst. a. Professor Faraday, "On the Chemical History of a Candle."
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Royal Inst. 5. Professor Faraday, "On the Chemical History of a Candle."

ARCHÆOLOGICAL ITEMS.

THE EMPEROR NAPOLEON has commissioned Mr. Ernest Renan, member of the Academy, to travel in Phænicia in quest of inscriptions and antiquities. The Emperor defrays the cost. The Ministry of Marine lends M. Renan instruments for making topographical observations.

M. Feydeau, the author of a certain questionable novel, entitled "Fanny," which has run to twenty editions in Paris, but in London can only find a publisher in Holywell-street, is also a savan and an archæologist. He has even been commissioned by the French Government to undertake an archæological tour in Algeria. He has already made several excursions into the interior, and amassed a valuable collection of documents.

MR. CHARLES ROACH SMITH, the eminent antiquarian, pronounces the ancient relic recently found in the progress of draining operations on Lord Palmerston's estate, near Romsey, to be "a Celtic toques, of a type in some respects different from most of those found in France and Great

in some respects different from most of those found in France and Great Britain. In Brittany, some years since, a great many were durup, and, as has often been the case, were sold for their weight of metal smelted? They had been offered for about the value of the gold to the Society of Antiquaries of London. I trust this will not be thus sacrificed." The relic has been photographed by Mr. Frost.

LIEUTENANT PORCHER, R.N., and Lieutenant Smith, R.E., who have both been previously engaged in archæological labours (Lieutenant Smith for two years with Mr. Newton upon the Halicarnassian remains), have been sent out by the Foreign Office on an exploring expedition to Cyrene in North Africa. Ruins of high historical interest which exist there are to be examined. The officers are provided with a tent and all necessary campaigning articles, with implements for excavating, and with a photographic apparatus. The expedition went out in the gunboat Boxer, and left Malta on the 19th ult. for Tripoli, en route to Cyrene.

At a recent meeting of the Cambridge Architectural Society the Rev. G. Williams read a paper on an entirely virgin subject, the Ecclesiology of Georgia in the United States. The churches which he dwelt chiefly upon were those of Timothesmana and Daba. The former of these is a small cross church, with aisles and apsidal chancel, with north and south chapels. Daba is a small chapel, terminated in an apse. Both of these have many peculiarities, which he dwelt on at some length; and also noted the singular preservation they are in, notwithstanding the severe climate of the country. These churches are both situated in very remote parts, seldom visited by travellers, and no account has hitherto been issued of them.

OBITUARY.

BUNN, ALFRED, the well-known composer, died of apoplexy on DUNN, ALFRED, the well-known composer, died of apoplexy on Thurs day, the 22nd, at Boulogne. Mr. Bunn's association with the stage dated from a very early period. In 1826 he was manager of the Birmingham Theatre, and after succeeding Captain Polhill in the lesseeship of Drury-lane, he became, in 1833, manager of Drury-lane and Covent-garden Theatres, conducting both through two remarkably consecutive seasons, which will be especially remembered for the strong companies engaged at each house, and the prosperous career of the opera of "Gustavus the Third," that was brought out by him at the latter. From 1835 until 1848 he controlled the destinies of Drury-lane Theatre, giving the public the popular series of operas by Balfe, the advantage of the engagement of all the most attractive operatic, choreographic, and dramatic stars that could be obtained; amongst whom must be mentioned the names of Madame Malibran, Duvernay, Forrest, Charles Kean, and Macready; and, in the face of great difficulties at last, maintaining the attractions of the establishment at high prices, whilst the rates of admission were being generally reduced elsewhere. Besides being known as the author of the libretto of "The Bohemian Girl," Mr. Alfred Bunn will be remembered as the writer of three volumes called "The Stage, Before and Behind the Curtain;" and a pamphlet, called "A Word with Punch," both of which publications created a great sensation at the time. It is stated that towards the latter end of his life Mr. Bunn embraced the Roman Catholic faith, and that he paid great attention to the religious offices of that creed. Bunn embraced the Roman Catholic faith, and that he paid great attention to the religious offices of that creed.

THOMPSON, REV. JAMES, D.D., Rector of Lincoln College, Oxford, died on the 26th inst., in the sixty-first year of his age. The deceased matriculated at Lincoln College about 1820, took the degree of B.A. in 1823, M.A. in 1826, and B.D. in 1833. In 1845 he was appointed to the rectory of Cublington, Bucks, a living in the gift of the Rector and Fellows of Lincoln College. In 1851 the Rev. Dr. Radford, Rector of the college, died, when Mr. Thompson was elected to succeed him, and became also Rector of Twyford, Bucks, which is annexed to the rectorship of Lincoln College. In 1852 the deceased took the degree of D.D. At the time of his death Dr. Thompson was one of the pro-Vice-Chancellors of the University. The deceased has left a widow and three sons, the eldest of whom is but young. of the University. The dece eldest of whom is but young.

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HRISTMAS WEEK is not one in which un-Christmassy books are to be expected; nevertheless we have to chronicle the appearance of a few of mark, which have no direct connection with the joyous season. Christmas week of 1860 ought to be memorable in our publishing annals as that in which the eighth edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica" was completed. Dr. Dasent's Tales from the

Norse have been followed up this week by his story of "Burnt Njal," from the Icelandic, a sage of that strange island at the end of the sage of that strange island at the end of the tenth century. More recent in its illustration of the island of geysers and poetry is Captain Forbes's "Iceland, its Volcanoes, Geysers, and Glaciers," which was issued this week. To the materials for English history the week has added a very important contribution—a new volume of the "Calendar of Domestic Papers," embracing the important year 1660-61 edited by Mrs. the important year 1660-61, edited by Mrs. Mary Ann Everett Green, and published under the auspices of the Master of the Rolls. In the department of "miscellaneous," a second volume of Dr. Wolff's Travels and Adventures, and Mr. King's exhaustive work on Antique Green are worker of notice. Antique Gems, are worthy of notice. Among new editions, we note a second already of Mr. Gosse's Romance of Natural History, and the same of Mr. Edwin Waugh's Poems and Lancashire Songs.

From Paris our chief importations are: a new instalment of M. Milne-Edwards' great work, Lessons in the Physiology and Comparative Anatomy of Man and Animals, devoted to the digestive apparatus; and a report by M. Louis digestive apparatus; and a report by M. Louis Reybaud (the author of the amusing "Jerome Paturot") to the French Academy, on the moral, intellectual, and material condition of the silk-workers of France. From Germany we lave a new volume of a work, the German Historians of the Past, which corresponds to our own Materials for English History, and which is edited by such men as Pertz, Jacob Grimm, Lachmann, Ranke, and Ritter; another book by the indefatigable Ivan Golovine, The Alliances of Russia; and a curious volume by the celebrated traveller J. G. Kohl. volume by the celebrated traveller J. G. Kohl, The Two Oldest Maps of America, from the originals in the Grand-Ducal Library of

The literary news from America is, as might be expected under the circumstances of an impending break-up of the Union, nil. Winthrop Sargent's Life and Career of Major John André, announced by Messrs. Ticknor, Fields, and Co., of Boston, is the only original American publication worthy of the slightest notice

MESSRS. LONGMANS have published, as a little presentation book, the Christmas poems contributed to the Field by "Peregrine" (the Rev. Gage E. Freeman), during the past five years.

MR. TINSLEY has in the press a new work to be entitled "Photographs of Paris Life," being a record of the politics, art, fashion, gossip, and anecdote of Paris during the past eighteen months.

MESSRS. W. AND R. CHAMBERS are about to publish a third volume of Mr. Robert Chambers's "Domestic Annals of Scotland." The period chronicled will be the obscure but interesting one in Scotlish will be the obscure but interesting one in Scotlish

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THE ANNOUNCEMENT of the publication of the Memoir of the Mr. Joseph Sortain has produced a remonstrance from the widow and friends of the late reverend gentleman. Mrs. Sortain herself has undertaken the task, and she is now preparing for immediate publication an authentic memoir of her deceased husband, including his private diary and correspondence with many eminent persons.

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of a master. The volume is intended as a guide for young men who, having left school, desire to continue a course of self-improvement; for pupil teachers in elementary schools; for schoolmasters who, after passing through training colleges, may wish to pursue studies not embraced in the scheme of those institu-

passing through training colleges, may wish to pursue studies not embraced in the scheme of those institutions; and for candidates in the Oxford and Civil Service Examinations.

THE LAST BOOK BURNED.—The last noticeable instance of book-burning by authority occurred in 1723. The celebrated physician, Dr. Mead, purchased from the library of the Landgrave of Hesse a copy of the "Christianisme Restitutio," of Servetus, the publication of which cost the author his life. This particular copy was reputed to have belonged to Colodon, one of his accusers. The doctor determined to reprint the ill-fated work in quarto, but before the edition was completed the sheets were seized at the instance of Dr. Gibson, Bishop of London, and the impression burned, May 27, 1723. A few copies escaped destruction, one of which may be seen in the library of the Medical Society of London. In 1770, a perfect reprint was issued, but only four copies are now known to be in existence. The original copy passed from Dr. Mead into the hands of the Duc de la Vallière, at the sale of whose collection it was numbraed for the Longrial Library of Expect of the particular than the purchased for the Langrial Library of Expect at the particular than the particular than the purchased for the Langrial Library of Expect at the particular than the particular than the particular than the purchased for the Langrial Library of Expect at the particular than the particular

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"THE NEWSPAPER PRESS OF LONDON," says the metropolitan correspondent of a Scotch paper, "seems to be at present in a transitionary state. Ever since the repeal of the compulsory stamp, changes and innovations have been of daily occurrence. The latest novelty is a proposal on the part of Mr. Reuter to do the Parliamentary reporting for the London morning journals. He has already completed his negotiations with seven or eight of the papers, and when Parliament meets, probably only two sets of reporters will appear in the gallery—the Times' staff and Mr. Reuter's. The saving to the proprietors will be great. Mr. Reuter proposes to do for 450l. what, I know, has hitherto cost one of the papers 1250l. The temptation is too great to be resisted, and the consequence will be that many hard-working, intelligent men will very soon be out of employment. Under Mr. Reuter's system it might be expected that there would be too great sameness in the reports, but this will be avoided. Nearly everything will be reported verbatim by Mr. Reuter's staff, and the manuscript will be condensed after it has been received at the newspaper offices, and, of course, each paper will make such a selection as may be most suitable for its own columns."

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The Representatives of the Crity of Edinburgh addressed their constituents in the Music Hall of the Modern Athens, on Monday. From the speech of Mr. Adam Black, the eminent publisher, we extract the following passage on the paper duty: "Another important measure which I supported, passed the House of Commons, but which I cannot help thinking was followed by very unfortunate consequences—the repeal of the excise duty on paper. The second reading was carried by a majority of fifty-three in March, but in the third reading, in May, this was reduced to nine, and had there been no Sootch members in the House it would have been lost by eleven. And when the members began to consider the effect of the expenditure for the war in China, and for the proposed fortifications of the country, they were led to regret the loss of the million from the repeal of the paper duty. This, I believe, was the cause of the great change in the division between the second and the third reading; and it was this that emboldened the House of Lords to do what I am convinced was an unconstitutional act—to reject a money bill—to refuse to pass a bill forming a part of the ways and means of the Chancellor of the Exchequer. I agree with Mr. Gladstone in considering that a gigantic innovation."

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WE ALLUDED LAST WEEK to the fact that the Honourable Mrs. Norton was preparing a biographical work on the Sheridans, to be published by the Messrs. Macmillan. The current number of Macmillan's Magazine contains a letter, addressed to the publisher by Mrs. Norton, in which, after severely reprehending the tone of the sketch of Sheridan, in the "Wits and Beaux of Society," by Grace and Philip Wharton (a work duly censured in the Critic at the time of its appearance), and after sketching Philip Wharton (a work duly censured in the CRITIC at the time of its appearance), and after sketching what a life of Sheridan ought to be, the gifted lady proceeds to say:—"Such a history, nevertheless, I—Sheridan's grand-daughter—hope to supply. Not taken, like these poorly-conceted sketches, from sources whose 'veracity' the authors have 'never examined,' but from sifted evidence and real matter. Not from repeated extracts copied out of one bookseller's preface into another; nor including such foolish forgeries as the 'epistle from Miss Linlev to a female friend,' which is quoted by 'Grace and Philip

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Wharton;' but from family papers and royal and other letters in the actual possession of the living representative of the Sheridans—the present member for Dorchester—a portion of which papers were in the hands of Tom Moore, for extract and guidance, while working (so unwillingly as it now appears) at the life he undertook to execute."

THE "SCOTTISH PRESS." in a review of the Rev. Charles Rogers, "Ettrick Forest, the Ettrick Shepherd and his Monument," demolishes with considerable spirit the statements injurious to the character and memory of Hogg, which appeared recently in a sketch of the House of Blackwood, commenced but not completed in a monthly contemporary: "The not completed in a monthly contemporary: "The writer of these papers (says the Reviewer of the Scottish Press) deals in the most personal and offensive manner with the individuals who come in his way. Fulsome puffery and personal abuse, always indicative of weakness, constitute his staple commodity. Indeed, we have never met with writing so grossly one-sided and so brimful of assertions without grossly one-sided and so orimful of assertions without the semblance of proof. We do not purpose review-ing all this pretentions scribbler has said, although there is scarcely an instance in which his strictures might not be called in question. We intend only alluding to his vicious attack on the character and alluding to his vicious attack on the character and writings of a countryman, which, however, will serve as a specimen of the general recklessness and audacity. We allude to James Hogg, the Ettrick Shepherd. The disgusting manner in which our pastoral poet is treated, and the fiendish animus with which his memory is maligned, would scarcely be credited. Nothing is too bad or too glaringly false for this writer to utter with an air of impudent authority. That our assertions are well-founded will hereafter appear."

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"There is a capital descriptive Paper (says the gossiper of the **Illustrated London News*)*, in the present number of the **Cornhill*, 'Portrait of a Russian Gentleman '—one Anton Antonovitch, a soldierpiligrim of Moscow the Holy. This 'portrait' is, unl-ss we are mistaken, from the pen of Mr. H. Sutherland Edwards, whose volume of Muscovite sketches, entitled 'The Russians at Home,' is on the eve of publication. We make no secret of our partiality for the literature of the North: **Qui a bu, boira*; and it is, therefore, without any scruple that we extend condial commendation to Mrs. Fanny M. Thomson's recently-published 'Journey to Moscow,' the record of a trip taken in company with her husband, in 1856, at the time of the Emperor Alexander's coronation. Mrs. Thomson is a Liverpool lady, and in that maritime metropolis her book has been printed 'for private circulation only;' but the Journey to Moscow' has special merits of its own—in graphic description, in quiet humour, in conscientious appreciation, and in ladylike style—that claim for it a far larger audience than is to be found in a circle of private friends." Respecting another periodical, with the mysteries of which he ought to be conversant, the same writer adds: "The second number of *Temple Bar* seems evidently to have put the conductor thereof on his mettle. We have already mentioned the fact of a new serial 'The Seven Sons of Mammon,' being commenced in the January number of this periodical. An article that will, perhaps, create much legitimate interest, is called 'What Our Coals Cost Us,' an erudite and yet graphic article on collieries and colliery explosions, by Professor Ansted."

From The 'Building News' we condense an account of the new premises recently completed at the corner of Charterhouse-lane and St. John-street, appear."
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account of the new premises recently completed at the corner of Charterhouse-lane and St. John-street, Smithfield, for the London Printing and Publishing Company. The operations of this club are little known to the great product of the contract of the co Company. The operations of this club are little known to the general reading public, as they belong to what is called "the canvassing trade," but of their magnitude the following sketch gives a striking notion:—
"It is one of the most conspicuous buildings in the City, not only on account of its great height, but of the originality and good taste which it displays. It occupies a rectangular site with a frontage of 50 feet in St. John-street, and 69 feet in Charterhouse-lane, where it joins the extensive premises already in the Company's possession. The principal entrance is in where it joins the extensive premises already in the Company's possession. The principal entrance is in the central of the five bays into which the St. Johnstreet façade is divided. The workmen's entrance is in the last of the seven bays in Charterhouse-lane. From the entrance in St. John-street we pass into a square lobby with wooden panelled ceiling and partitions, which communicates with the whole of the ground floor. The counting-house, waiting-room, clerk's counting-house, offices, &c., are here provided. At the far end, where a door opens into the Company's old premises, there is a lift connected with all the different floors. A door also leads to the workman's entrance and staircase, which is built of stone and inclosed by brick walls to render tireproof, and thus avoid the danger which a sudden panic might create amongst so large a body of work-people as will here be daily assembled. The basement is 11 feet high; it is divided into a strong room, perfectly fireproof, for the stowage of stereotyped plates and books, a store for paper, and another for ink. ment is 11 feet high; it is divided into a strong room, perfectly fireproof, for the stowage of stereotyped plates and books, a store for paper, and another for ink. There is likewise in the basement a boiler-house, with the cellar for coals, &c. On the first floor we find the board-room at the north-west corner, and four rooms running thence along the whole of the Charterhouse-lane front are appropriated to authors. The rest of the first floor is devoted to

printing, engraving, and stock. The second floor is reserved for bookbinding in its several branches; the third floor to stock and lithographic printing; the fourth to stock and engraving; and the fifth to copper-plate printing. Thus it will be seen there are no less than seven stories to the building (including ground-floor and basement), varying in height from 11 feet 6 inches to 12 feet, and when we mention that each floor is carried over the one beneath it by iron columns and girders, our readers can judge of the care and skill which the builders must have displayed. Lavatories, &c. are provided to each storey on the iron columns and girders, our readers can judge of the care and skill which the builders must have displayed. Lavatories, &c., are provided to each storey on the landings of the staircase. The interior of the building is perfectly plain; the walls are lime-whited, and the timbers of the different floors are uncovered. Mr. George Somers Clarke, of Brunswick-square, is the architect, from whose designs and under whose constant supervision it has been erected." So far good, but how long this striking structure will be allowed to exist is uncertain; our contemporary adding: "A rumour rings in our ears that its site will be required for the improvement and enlargement of Smithfield. It was put into questionable company, and it must, perforce, pay the penalty attached to them. We regret if its destruction should prove inevitable, for amid the mass of dark, dingy brickwork around it, it shines out bright and clear, conspicuous by the beauty which its architect had infused into it, no less than by its good solid construction and its towering proportions. Let us hope that, if this building be doomed, Mr. G. Somers Clarke will have, in rebuilding the premises in another locality, an additional opportunity afforded him of evincing his skill and ability."

AMERICA .- Two very similar poems, "The Song of Fatima" and "The Song of Abbassa," by T. B. Aldrich, having appeared simultaneously in the Atlantic Monthly and the Knickerbocker Magazine for September, the author thus explains the singular for September, the author thus explains the singular circumstance, in a letter to the editor of the Saturday Press:—"Somewhat more than a year since, when the Atlantic Monthly was under the control of Messrs. Phillips, Sampson, and Co., I sent the publishers a poem entitled "The Song of Fatima." It took the corresponding clerk of Phillips, Sampson, and Co. six months to acknowledge the receipt of my note, when he graciously informed me that the MS. had been lost! In the meantime the firm failed, and the magazine passed into the hands of its present publishers, who, I am free to say, treat an author as if he were a responsible human being. I waited six months longer, hoping the poem (as it had not been accepted) would be returned to me. Patience is the key of content. I then rewrote the verses, being prone to prone to

Add and alter many times Till all be ripe and rotten.

and seut them to the Knickerbocker Magazine, as I had a perfect right to do. Four or five days before the September number of the Atlantic Monthly was issued, I saw 'The Song of Fatima' advertised in the list of contents. I immediately wrote to my friend, Mr. Clarke, but was too late to prevent him publishing the song in his September number, though in time to have the title omitted in his table of original contributions. The consequence was, 'The Song of Fatima' and 'The Song of Abbassa'—'substantially the same poem,' as you happily remarkappeared at the same time one in the Atlantic and the other in the Knickerbocker. Not at all a satisfactory arrangement to me, however refreshing to you, since I can draw a check neither on Mr. Clarke, you, since I can draw a check neither on Mr. Clarke,

you, since I can draw a check neither on Mr. Clarke, nor on Messrs. Ticknor and Fields. In reply to your tender inquiry as to which of the versions is my favourite, I would say:—The one read last, reading the two poems in any order you please. With many thanks, I am, very truly, yours, T. B. Aldrich.—Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Aug. 28, 1860."

Office of A Rocky Mountain Paper.—The Rocky Mountain News is the leading newspaper of that gold region. A graceful festoon of revolvers hangs over the sanctum table, within reach of the editor, and three ominous-looking guns rest in the corner. Descending to the composing and press room, is found each man quietly at work in his proper place, with "something that would shoot" lying near him.

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PRITCHARD, ABBOTT, AND LOOMIS, of Augusta,
Ga., have published a large octavo volume, entitled
"Cotton is King, and Pro-Slavery Arguments," by
E. N. Elliott, LL.D., President of Planter's College,
Mississippi. This work comprises the writings of Hammond, Harper. Christy, Stringfellow, Hodge, Bledsoe,
and Cortwright, on this subject, and contains the
author's essay on Slavery in the Light of International Law.

WE WOULD RECOMMEND our fair friends of the We would recommend our fair friends of the Victoria Press to keep their eye upon the lecture recently delivered at Boston by Mr. Ralph Waldo Emerson, and of which we take the following report from a Boston (U. S.) paper:—"Mr. Ralph Waldo Emerson read a lecture vesterday morning on 'Woman,' before the 28th Congregational Society, at Music Hall. He endeavoured to show his hearers that the advance of civilisation was dependent upon woman, and that the more civilised they became, the more readily did they acknowledge her genius and her influence. The aspiration of one century became

the code of the next. The aspiration of the nine-teenth century was universal emancipation. Women should be allowed to vote, and take part in the go-vernment of the country with as much freedom as man. As to their capacity, he considered that they were quite equal to the men who go to the town meetings, have a ballot thrust into their hands by a person who says it is the nomination of their party, and without a demur put it into the box. Women should certainly not be taxed unless they were allowed to vote. The principle on which the Go-vernment was founded was, 'No representation no tax.'

NOVEL MODE of ADVERTISING—The publishers of a new novel entitled "The Household of Bouverie" have printed by way of advertisement a number of critical opinions upon the work from leading female authors, secured in advance of the publication of the work. An American paper discourses as follows of the character, and tone of these criticisms: "It was unnecessary to inform the public that these opinions emanated from feminine quarters. One of the dear creatures declares that neither man or woman has ever excelled this writer in character. of the dear creatures declares that neither man or woman has ever excelled this writer in character painting; that the Mephistopheles of Goethe is not so highly finished, and certainly does not excel the hero in firmness and power!! Another was seized by such a 'devouring curiosity that she read everywhere until she swallowed the last line.' (Query, was it baited?) One has seen nothing like it since the days of Poe: another calls the principal character a 'Satanic incarnation of self,' whatever that may mean. Altogether the flow of words reminds that may mean. Altogether the flow of words reminds one of Barnum's advertisements, wherein the mighty showman proclaims in the same column with these womanish criticisms, that he has caught that wonwomanish criticisms, that he has caught that wonderful and extraordinary roaring and barking living
black sea lion!—(a Satanic incarnation of self)—the
mighty king of the ocean; the long-supposed fabulous Neptune—(the Mephistopheles of Goethe); the
most terrible, majestic, though yet docile inhabitant
of the deep; the most interesting creature alive; 'he
must have swallowed the line.' Surely some woman
must write Barnum's advertisements. And yet the
sea lion; is a partially and The Barnahid of Barnahi must write Barnum's advertisements. And yet the sea-lion is a cariosity, and The Household of Bouverie a clever production."

TRADE NEWS.

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED .- E. and W. M. Shaw,

PARTNERSHIPS DISSOLVED.—E. and W. M. Shaw, Fenchurch-street, stationers; M. and R. Greenhalgh, Manchester, paper merchants; Dunnill and Palmer, Manchester, lithographic printers.

BANKRUPTS.—John Griffith, Hanway-street, Oxford-street, bookseller, Jan. 4, at 2 o'clock, Feb. 8, at 1, at the Bankrupts' Court: solicitors, Messrs. Lawrance and Co., Old Jewry-chambers; official assignee, Mr. Whitmore, Basinghall-street.

CERTIFICATES to be granted unless cause be shown to the contrary on the day of meeting.—Jan. 11, C. Herbert, Churton-street, Belgrave-road, Pimlico, printer. Jan. 14, W. Boyce, East Dereham, Norfolk, printer. Jan. 14, T. A. Ragg, Birmingham and Edgbaston, bookseller.

Edgbaston, bookseller.

RE COLLINS.—In the Court of Bankruptcy, before Mr. Commissioner Holroyd, on Monday, James Collins, a paper-maker of Oxford, came upon the question of certificate. The debts were 3442/.; ditto secured, 2804/.; assets estimated at 5800l. Mr. Lawrance appeared for the assignee, and Mr. C. E. Lewis supported the bankrupt. There was no opposition on behalf of the creditors, and it was stated that the charges made against the bankrupt were not founded on fact. The bankrupt had for many years carried on a business as a paper-maker. He had the misfortune to have a fire on his premises, and had afterwards been prevented attending to his affairs by rheumatic fever. The property of the bankrupt would have been more valuable but for the "halt" of the bill for the repeal of the paper duty in treed of the bill for the repeal of the paper duty in the House of Lords. Mr. C. E. Lewis having addressed the Court for the bankrupt, the Commissioner awarded a certificate of the second class.

SALES BY AUCTION.

PAST SALES.

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By Messrs. S. LEIGH SOTHEBY and JOHN WILKINSON, at 13, Wellington-street, Strand, on Wednesday, Dec. 19, and following days, a selection from the libraries of Sir Henry and Sir John Savile. We conclude from our last our report of some of the more interesting items disposed of at this sale, which produced the very large sum of 2131/.

Machiavel (Nicholas) Histoire Florentine, tradait d'Italien en Francois, par le Seigneur de Brinon. 8/.

d'Italien en Francois, par le Seigneur de Brinon. St. Mason (Robert, of Lincolnes Inne) Reasons Academie, fine copy. T. Creede, 1606. Unnoticed by Lowndes. Dedicated to Lord Chief Justice

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rarest Aldine edition, and the first Italian book printed with Italic type, very tall copy, with the additional leaves containing an address by Aldus concerning the edition, and the blanks. Venegia, nelle case d'Aldo Romano, nel anno MDI, del mese di Luglio. 3l. 13s. 6d.

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Prayer (The Booke of Common) and administration of the Sacraments and other Rites and Ceremonies of the Church of England. The Psalter, or Psalmes of David, after the translation of the Great Bible, pointed as it shall bee sung or said in the churches. Black letter, excessively rare. By Robert Barker, Anno 1604—The whole Booke of Psalmee, collected into English meetre by Tho. Sternhold, W. Whittingham, I. Hopkins, and others, conferred with the Hebrue, with apt notes] to sing them withall. By John Windet, for the assignees of Richard Daye, 1598. Black letter, long lines, ending with leaf of table for the whole number of Psalmes. Bound in one volume. A folio edition of the Liturgy or Common Prayer, printed by Barker in the first year of King James the First, dated 1604, was known to exist in three or four collegiate or closed libraries, but, although diligently sought for by collectors of books of the class, no copy has occurred for public competition except that of Mr. Lathbury, in April 1857, which produced at this house the sum of 130l. No alusion has hitherto been made to an edition in quarto of the same date, and by the royal printer. Its appearance will suggest a doubt as to the folio being the prior edition. At all events, this is a most rare liturgical volume, leaving its precedency out of the question. 120l.

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